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Introductory

TALK NUMBER ONE

“He that is first in his own cause seemeth just, but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him.” Proverbs 18:17.

In my talks, recently published, on the “Isms,” I discussed many facts having to do with the origination and manipulation of Christian Science, so-called, but very little space was given to the teachings of the cult.

From platform and pulpit I have been delivering a series of sermons having to do with the questions: “Is it Christian?” “Is it Scientific?” and “Does it Heal?” And to some of those who have heard these messages there has come the conviction that these messages should be given to the printed page for a wider hearing and a closer study.

In the first talk of the printed series we propose to do nothing more than outline something of what we hope to accomplish in this coming series, and we want to add to this foreward a few words of appreciation and commendation for the acceptable traits and characteristics of the Scientist.

While we have no commendatory word for Christian Science, as a religion, in foreword, or afterword, we do wish to give expression to our feelings of admiration for the efforts the Scientist makes toward certain worthy goals.

In this coming series we shall undertake to prove, beyond the question of a peradventure, that Christian Science has not one valid reason or ex-

cuse for appropriating the word "Christian" with which to bolster up its system.

We shall also undertake to prove, beyond the question of a peradventure, that Christian Science has not one valid reason or excuse for appropriating the word "Science" with which to bolster up its system.

We shall likewise undertake to prove, beyond the question of a peradventure, that Christian Science heals only as all mind cures heal—that in certain cases it works, as other mind cures work, and in other cases it does not work, as other mind cures do not work.

"Christian?" It is not!

"Scientific?" It is not!

"Heals?" It does, but only as other religions, known to be fakes, have healed.

It is just probable that sixty per cent of the world's ills are imaginary ills.

Most people who suffer, suffer only in mind.

They think disease, until they become chronic invalids—their mental machinery gets to the place where the belts slips, and the cogs miss, which results in a condition of mind known to the world of science as "roof-trouble."

The symptoms of this disease are about as follows:

People eat every day like an African famine, and yet, to hear them tell it, they never have any appetite!

People go to bed, succumb, and sleep in loud and emphatic tone of voice, and yet to hear them tell it **they have a chronic case of insomnia!**

These people, when invited to a wedding, funeral, political pow-wow, church service, reception or re-

cital, will devote this special hour to a recital of their more "recent" aches and pains.

If they can find others of like faith and mind, and they can find them, the hour is spent most delightfully, thank you, as they recite to each other all the horrifying and terrifying sensations of their newest "operation."

When these women assunder apart, whatever the nature of the festivity which brought them together, they—all to themselves—have had an "Organ" recital and a "clinic seance."

As paradoxical as it may appear, on first thought, these are the men and women who are happiest when they have most to be sorry about.

These men and women have heart disease, liver complaint, indigestion, cancer of the stomach, rheumatism, neuralgia, low current to their "lights," and two more tumors, all in the mind.

If it were not for the blasphemous and dangerous doctrines connected with this religious hodge-podge, called Christian Science, a dose of mind cure would work wonders in the lives of these old chronics who make day and night hideous with their lugubrious wailings.

But the question arises, if Christian Science is not Christian, and is not Scientific, and does not heal, except as other religious cults and fakes have healed, then what is there that can be said in commendation of those who back into this well known cult movement?

It would be the most serious sort of a reflection of the mental integrity of thousands of men and women, who have cast in their lot with the Christian Scientist, to charge, or even intimate, that there is nothing about the plans, purposes, ideas, or ideals

of the Scientist deserving our commendation, or worthy of our emulation.

There are a few things about the Scientist that the church could well afford to copy, and to a brief discussion of some of these commendable qualities we shall devote the rest of this first message.

THE BEAUTY OF PRAISE.

“I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Psalm 34:1.

Many people offer as a reason for visiting the Christian Science Temple, that they love to go where people are giving praise.

A word of praise, fitly spoken, doeth good like a medicine.

There is something not alone beautiful and attractive, but fascinating, about a service of genuine praise.

To the Christian Science Temple, every Scientist brings a Psalm of triumph and a paean of praise.

Mind you, this is the undeviating rule—the written law.

The moment you give utterance to one conviction that there exists a world of material reality, where there are bones, and moans, and groans, that moment you are read out of the Christian Science Temple, or taken aside to be taught the rules of the game more thoroughly.

So far as losses, and crosses, and trials, and difficulties, and problems, and woes, and heart aches, in the Christian Science scheme of worship, they just “ain’t so,” and to admit that they are so, and to sympathize with sin and suffering, according to the Christian Science edict, is to dethrone God as the God of the Universe.

Now, artificial flowers look good—at a distance—and even a gold brick has got the shine, but that is no evidence that the artificial flowers are real flowers, or that the gold brick is sure enough gold.

“All is not gold that glitters,” is an old saying and fearfully true.

Up to a point, the Christian Scientist is to be commended for carrying the best he has to the house where he worships; beyond that point, however, commendation must be turned into condemnation.

Every man and woman, however situated, has so much to be thankful for, that whenever they turn toward the house of worship, they should present the best they have to God, and the crime they commit is well nigh unpardonable when they turn toward God’s house with their long-faced, sour, dill pickle, green persimmon, graveyard, pessimistic gloom, and gone-to-the-devil-and-dog-fennel moanings and sad lamentations.

And the Protestant church is cursed with these Gloomy-Gus type of saint, near-saint, far-saint, or “ain’t.”

However, there are the two extremes, and if the Protestant church has its pessimistic glooms who have looked at mud, and thought mud, and walked in mud, and dreamed mud, until everything is black, ever has been black, and always will be black, the Christian Science Temple has the other extreme of the Happy Hooligan with a tin-can-on-the-head-religion, who has thought sunshine, and looked at the sunshine, and studied sunshine, and dreamed sunshine, until the poor fool is drunk on sunshine.

If the world has its pessimistic fool, it likewise has its optimistic ass, and between the two extremes we should choose—NEITHER!

If the Protestant church needs to leave its long

face and sad lamentations at home when turning toward its place of worship, the Christian Scientist needs to leave some of his hypocritical and lying sop out of his so-called praise service.

One of my neighbors, a most worthy and reliable woman, told me of a Christian Science service she had attended in a Colorado city, in which a woman testified that she had cut her thumb from her hand, and that she picked the dismembered member from the ground, stuck it back in its proper attitude and altitude, and quoted the Christian Science jargon, or meaningless formula, "God is good and good is God and what is good is God and Mary-Baker-Glover-Patterson-Eddy-I-tes, married three times, divorced twice and gone to heaven-I-tes," or something like that, and presto! the thumb was instantly re-attached, and made perfectly whole.

This good woman says she looked around to see how the crowd was taking the testimony, and those Scientists, so-called, sat there like a lot of old owls and never batted an incredulous eye.

"I couldn't help it," said this refined and modest little woman, "I turned to the woman next to me and said, 'That woman is one of the biggest liars in Colorado.'"

A prominent man was telling me that he sat in a Christian Science service and heard a woman relate how her husband had carried about, on the top side of his head, a barren waste (that might possibly have been the result of her ladylike mania for enlarged fields of operation for her "drawn-work") and how all attempts to grow alfalfa or hair thereon had resulted in the saddest and completest of failures, and when all hope seemed gone and they were entering a hard winter without a hair to his head, she happened onto Christian Science, and that after

so many treatments (she herself working the mystic wand) Lo, the hardened soil gave evidence of a coming harvest, and now, heaven and Christian Science be praised, her husband's roof was covered with silken strands.

A testimony like this would lead one to say, "how unfortunate that while Christian Science was working such wonders for the top side of her husband's head, it could not have also worked some wonders in placing a few stray pieces of furniture in the empty garret under her own leaky roof."

To go to church with a whine, and a moan, and a groan, is to become just as attractive and popular as the tax collector, while to go to church denying the reality of human sorrow and sufferings, and at the same time telling how Christian Science cured us of two more tumors, each as big as a candy bucket, and this after leading surgeons had pronounced us incurable, the undertaker had measured us, and the grave digger was whetting his spade, is to out-Ananias old Ananias and eventually receive the same condemnation.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SERVICE.

"I labored more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me." 1 Cor. 15:10.

We have all heard the story of the old lady that could not be led to speak evil of anyone.

When, as a test case, they sought to lead her to speak evil of the devil, she reminded her questioners that they could well follow the devil's example when it came to perseverance.

Now, we do not wish to imply that the Christian

Scientist is to be likened to the Prince of Darkness, in any regard, even though unconsciously he be doing directly, or indirectly, the devil's work, yet we do wish to suggest to the average lazy lout of Zion that he could very properly seek to follow the example of the Scientist, when it comes to activity and perseverance.

Going west on one of my California trips, a little woman sat beside me in the observation car, and after a few passing remarks, she arose with, "If you will be so kind, I have some literature I would like to have you look over."

After a few moments she returned from her berth with an arm load of Christian Science reading matter, evidently believing that I looked like a fit subject for a little missionary work.

No man ever found a real Christian Scientist that that Christian Scientist was not working and talking his religion.

If the churches of Christendom, that profess to stand loyal to the old book, and seek to follow the old paths, were one-half as active and one-half as enthusiastic in carrying the old truths to a dying world, as these misguided folk are active and enthusiastic in carrying out their destructive lies, the world would be set afire for Christ, and before many months Jesus Christ would come.

We would not have the Protestant church member active in proselyting other church members, as the Scientist does, nor would we have him try to make merchandise out of the sick and the suffering as the Scientist often does, nor would we have him exaggerate and misrepresent the facts concerning the results of his beliefs, as we have known Christian Scientists to do, but we would have him be just as completely on the job for Christ and the blood-

bought church, as the Scientist is on the job for an etherial Christ and a bloodless church.

While the average church member, who is conversant with the activities and tactics of the Scientist, is lamenting the fact that the Scientist is seeding down the land with his lying literature, and proselyting the church, and making merchandise out of the sick, this average church member is doing nothing but lament.

If I were the devil, I would walk like the devil, and talk like the devil, and smell like the devil, and dress like the devil, and work like the devil.

If I were a Christian Scientist, I would walk like a Scientist, and talk like a Scientist, and smell like a Scientist, and dress like a Scientist, and work like the Scientist, which means, in several ways, to work like the devil.

Now then, if we are members of the blood-washed and blood-bought Church of Christ, we should walk, and talk, and dress, and smell, and work like the blood-washed and the blood-bought!

I heartily concur in the sentiments of the man who said that he had no particular objections to the activities of the bedbug, but he did have serious objections to his methods of making a living.

I like to see a man desperately in earnest, and enthusiastically on the job, whether in business, politics, recreation, or religion; and so I have no serious objections to the activities of the Scientist, except as he tries to suck the blood out of the Bible and away from the Cross, to make the religion of Christ a meaningless theory, instead of a tremendous fact!

To be true, much of this activity and enthusiasm comes from the intoxication of a new theory, and characterizes the convert to any new cause, good or bad, and much of it is effervescent and will pass

away, and yet while it lasts it results in many being pulled from the church, from the Bible and from God.

The man who is truly converted and holding to the tried and the true of the whole Bible, should have the intoxication of perpetual peace, and joy, and life, and the enthusiasm that keeps one working Fourth of July and Christmas, society, or circus, Sunday and all days.

Personally, we admire, up to a point, the cheerful optimism of the Scientist.

Personally, also, we admire the incessant and seeming indefatigable labors of the Christian Scientist.

Failure is eliminated, with the toothache, from the vocabulary of the Scientist, and if at first you do not succeed, the invariable rule is to give them another dose of "Ma" Eddy.

Through every open door they pass, and wherever permitted, by every sick bed they sit, and into every open ear they pour their specious appeals.

Church neuralgia and church rheumatism, so prevalent amongst the Protestant church members, and so disastrous to the church, is unknown to the Scientist, and no excusable excuse can be invented for absenting oneself from the temple of worship.

The Christian Scientist is always there—he is everywhere.

THE POWER OF LOYALTY.

“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual workings in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” Eph. 4:16.

It is a rule of Christian Science that a convert withdraw from all other church connections and become wholly and soully a Scientist.

This is necessary that the Scientist may not have the continuity of his thinking jarred.

Unless he crawls into the Christian Science hole and pulls the hole down upon him, someone is liable to say something that reflects on the moral integrity of “Ma” Eddy, or the reliability of Christian Science as a system, and these reflections are not beneficial to the Christian Scientist’s constitution.

We admire the optimism of the Scientist.

We admire the activity of the Scientist.

We admire the loyalty of the Scientist.

We make these statements with reservations, however, some of these reservations having been discussed above.

That the Scientist is loyal to his breed, goes without question to those who have been made acquainted with the clannishness of the Scientist.

The old-fashioned, close-communion, dyed-in-the-wool Hard Shell Baptist was as elastic as the imagination of childhood compared to the inner circle of the Scientist cult.

We believe in loyalty,—loyalty to the church to which we belong.

Some people are so liberal in their religious

views that they are outright disloyal to the denomination to which they have attached themselves.

Sectarianism is to be deplored and denounced, for it is the left over relic of the days of the jungle in things religious, but loyalty to the church to which one belongs is not alone necessary, but acceptable everywhere, and beautiful anywhere.

The Jones, or Smith, or Brown, who refuses to tie down and be loyal to his own family on the ground that he loves all the Joneses, or the Smiths, or the Browns, alike, and on that ground is going to live around and feed around amongst them all, would get poisoned, or shot, and correctly so.

The Methodist, or the Baptist, or the Presbyterian, who loves all churches alike, and therefore is not going to tie down anywhere, but just feed around from church to church, isn't worth the cost of the lime to eat his carcass.

If a man is going to be a Christian Scientist, let him be a good one—or, rather, a loyal one.

If a man is going to be a Baptist, let him be a good Baptist.

If a man is going to be a Presbyterian, let him be a good Presbyterian.

If a man is going to be a Methodist, let him be a good Methodist.

About the scrawniest, mangiest, triflingest, no-accountist, good-for-nothingist church wart this side the religious scrap-heap is the disloyal, no-account Methodist.

Possibly the Methodist would seek to explain this fact on the ground that that which rises highest can always fall lowest!

The Scientist is cheerful always—the first law and the last law of the Scientist system is SMILE! SMILE!

The Scientist is active always—the first law and the last law of the Scientist system is work! **WORK!**

The Scientist is loyal always—the first law and the last law of the Scientist system is loyalty! **LOYALTY!**

On these three points the Protestant world could well afford to follow the example of the Scientist.

In this first talk we have given time to the questions on which we can agree with the Scientist.

In the talks to come we will take up the questions on which we don't agree.

The Woman

TALK NUMBER TWO

“If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and sound doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. But refuse profane and old wives’ fables.” 1st Timothy 4:6-7.

Mary A Morse Baker was born in Bow, New Hampshire, July 16th, 1821.

In Tilton, of the same state, most of her earlier years were spent, and here she received what little schooling she had. It was here, also, during these earlier years, that she became the victim of abnormal nervous attacks that seemed to border on epilepsy or lunacy.

According to the testimony of those who knew, Mary Baker was allowed to have matters pretty much as she chose them, for, to oppose her whims, or to make any attempt to correct her for her delinquencies, meant that into one of these fits she would tumble, to lie like one dead.

When she was older grown she became a pliable and willing subject for mesmeric demonstrations, and from this she went into a study of spiritualism, and here she became a spiritualistic medium, capable of performing most of the so-called miracles that the average denizen of spiritual darkness performs.

Her several voyages on the sea of matrimony seemed to have resulted disastrously, both to her and her several husbands. The name, Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, under which she lived and served,

was a combination of a few of the many names to which she had some legal right, as Glover was the name of her first husband and Eddy the name of the last.

In "Retrospection and Introspection," Mrs. Eddy finally gave to her church her autobiography, and this story carries with it enough of the mysterious and the miraculous to convince the most incredulous that this was no ordinary teacher with which the world had to do.

She tells of her birth and gives the picture of the house in which she was born.

She tells of her childhood days, her early inclination to things religious, with her joining the church at the age of "TWELVE," and how, there in the holy place, she confused and confounded the learned minister of the Gospel by asking him questions concerning doctrine that she, a child, could not believe.

She tells of her cravings for knowledge, and how she consumed Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin with an avidity that was astounding, and how she spoke these languages fluently.

She tells of her FATAL ILLNESS, and how, when she had been given up to die, on THE THIRD DAY, she was raised from the dead to health, through receiving this heavenly revelation, called Christian Science.

The book certainly is a very wonderful book, and the Mrs. Eddy that the book tells about is a wonderful Mrs. Eddy.

Just along here, however, the McClure's magazine sent back special writers with instructions to get the facts concerning Mrs. Eddy, in particular, and Christian Science, in general, whatever the cost and wherever the chips might fly.

By overwhelming evidence, even to the most

sceptical,—evidence unquestioned and unimpeachable, McClure's proved that practically every statement Mrs. Eddy had made concerning herself was glaringly, and knowingly, and maliciously false.

When McClure's got through with "Retrospection and Introspection," it looked just about like Ananias' report looked after it had been investigated under God's searching eye, and the only possible explanation of Mrs. Eddy's deliverance from the same fate that Ananias suffered, was the fact that God evidently was not yet ready to strike.

The deliberate fabrications that Mrs. Eddy set her pen to were so far beyond anything that old Ananias ever attempted, that Ananias looked like a novice at the business, in comparison.

And why did not these articles sound out the death knell of the cult?

Two reasons!

First, the world at large did not read these articles, and second, Christian Scientists were forbidden to read them.

Christian Scientists are taught that it is outright disloyalty, and next to treachery, for a Scientist to read anything that questions the authenticity of Science and Health, or the reliability of its author.

Furthermore, when you hold this cult up for a public analysis, or hold up its founder for a public investigation, the Eddyite cries, "Persecution, persecution," until, in their ludicrous attempts to play the role of the martyr, the joke is sufficiently great to make the martyrs turn over in their graves.

"The Christian Scientist never speaks evil of anyone," is their common defense, and this common saying is usually a common lie. One thing certain, if the Scientist never spoke evil of anyone, he would not be following the beaten path over which his "be-

loved leader" passed, for some of the most envenomed and scurrilous attacks one religious leader ever directed at another came from the pen of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy.

In support of this rather sweeping and serious statement, I place the following evidence—and this is only a small part of what could be placed in exhibition here.

Richard Kennedy, at one time her most trusted and most popular satellite, who, growing weary of her domineering and dishonest tendencies, broke from the Eddy orbit, and began moving in a circle separate and apart from the self-crowned prophetess, was denounced as a traitor, a mesmerist, a user of malicious animal magnetism, and a villian of the deepest dye, and his doom was prophesied in the following lurid Eddy style: "The Nero of to-day, regaling himself with the tortures of individuals, is repeating history and will fall upon his own sword, and it shall pierce him through. Let him remember this, when in the dark recesses of his heart he is robbing, committing adultery, or killing; when he is attempting to turn friend from friend, ruthlessly stabbing the quivering heart."

Poor, inoffensive Kennedy, whose only crime was the crime of independence, is denounced as the Nero of today,—Nero, than whom there was none more bloodthirsty and vicious in all history.

This effusion is found in "Science and Health," the third edition, and we only quote a small part of the envenomed maledictions which she hysterically pours out on Kennedy's head.

Daniel H. Spofford was another of the inner circle who finally chose to operate under his own vine and fig tree, and, in a sort of a supplement to the second edition of "Science and Health," Mr. Spof-

ford becomes the recipient of the following beautiful (???) tribute: "Behold! thou criminal, mental, marauder, that would blot out the sunshine of earth, that would sever friends, destroy virtue, put out truth, and murder in secret the innocent, befouling thy track with the trophies of thy guilt,—I say, behold the cloud no larger than a man's hand, already rising in the horizon of Truth, to pour down upon thy guilty head the hailstones of doom."

While she does not charge poor Spofford with being the Twentieth century Ahab, who slew God's Prophets, her scriptural reference to the man's hand, etc., would lead one to infer that this was the modern Ahab.

But even more shocking than her frenzied, envenomed attacks on Kennedy and Spofford, was her attack on Mrs. Josephine C. Woodbury.

Mrs. Woodbury was guilty of the crime of trying to put into actual practice the absurdities of Mrs. Eddy's teachings, and for her loyalty and popularity—popularity amongst some of the faithful, she suffered excommunication, and her excommunication was followed with a tirade that was as outrageously false and as slanderous as ever ran from the end of a pen.

In her annual message to the Mother church, she refers to Mrs. Woodbury as follows: "The doom of the Babylonish woman referred to in Revelation is being fulfilled. This woman, drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus, drunk with the wine of her fornication, would enter the church, and, retaining the heart of a harlot and the purpose of a destroying angel, poison such as drink of the living waters—that which the Revealer saw in spiritual vision will be accomplished. The Babylonish woman is fallen; and who shall

mourn over the widowhood of lust, of her that hath become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean bird.”

Here are three incidents, recorded from Christian Science literature, where three former followers of Mrs. Eddy broke the yoke of their bondage, and the first she likens to Nero, the man of blood, and the second she likens to Ahab, the slayer of God’s prophets, and the third she likens to the Babylonish woman, the mother of harlots.

Nowhere in any literature, religious or secular, can one find anything more infamously and slanderously untrue, and these are but extracts from many such scurrilous attacks made upon innocent people by this “Beloved Leader,” the “Honored Mother,” the founder of Christian Science.

In Mrs. Eddy—the plagiarist, the slanderer, the money grabber, and the fame seeker—you have the real picture of the founder of Christian Science, and not in the awe-inspiring, “divine” pictures that the average devotee draws of the “Beloved Leader.”

THE SYSTEM.

“According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” 1st Cor. 3-10-11.

The system under which the Christian Scientist serves is worthy of more than passing notice.

Some men and women, after glancing over the inconsistencies, and the absurdities, and the incongruities, of the Christian Science faith and teachings, enthusiastically predict that the movement will

die a "bornin'" and be "buried with the burial of an ass," but when they so predict they only announce to the world their ignorance concerning the cunningly constructed system that underlies the movement.

Mark Twain, in his study of Christian Science, which is to be had in book form, has probably given to the world the most complete analysis of the Christian Science organization ever given, and he made bold to prophesy, that on the ground of its marvelously constructed machinery, and on that ground alone, Christian Science would some day become the most powerful religion in the world.

To begin with, Christian Science is, first, last, and all the time, for "The Beloved Leader," and for Christian Science.

As a cult it builds no schools, and builds no hospitals, and builds no homes for the aged, and builds no orphanages, and builds no home for the fallen, and sends no missionaries to the foreign fields, but all the gold that pours into the Christian Science treasury (and Christian Science is rich beyond the dream of avarice), is used to further the Christian Science cause. A convert to Christian Science means added money to the Christian Science machine, so that the effort is to get more converts to get more money to get more converts to get more money, and on, and on, as long as dupes and money grow.

Practically, all grist that comes to the Christian Science mill is made to pay dividends in gold, and this gold is used in every increasing quantities to increase the capacity of the mill.

The nation is districted into many districts, and in each of these districts there resides a highly paid press agent of the machine, and his duty is to reply to all attacks, from whatever source, made on Mrs.

Eddy, the "beloved founder," or upon Christian Science as a cult.

I have had these press agents after me, from coast to coast, and their alleged replies are practically the same, in whatever state, or whatever part of the state.

I have never had one of these watch dogs take up my trail that he did not have, in his stereotyped defense of his cult, the old stale tributes to his "beloved leader," with the usual comic attempt to play the role of the silent sufferer for a great truth.

Mind you, this "press agent" is a mere cog in the Christian Science wheel, and his work is mapped out for him, in so far as the general trend of his work is concerned, and he is not to deviate one iota from the marked course, on penalty of expulsion from the church.

What is true of these district watch dogs, is true of every reader and every lecturer in the whole Christian Science domain.

Of course, these Christian Science nonentities will vociferously deny such charges, and, in reply, one may repeat the old saying, "none are so blind as those who will not see," and we may add, none are such pitiable slaves as those who wear the ball and chain, and try to drown the sound of the clanking chains by shouting about their liberty.

There never was a time, during the life of the "beloved leader," that she could not with a word remove the official head of any official in the church anywhere, and that without the victim of her despotism having an impartial trial or even a hearing; and when her knife fell, there was no possible hope that the unfortunate object of her jealousy, or her tyranny, would ever again be able to lift his head in the Science temple.

Early in the building of the Science church, there was some evidence of a growing unrest amongst the Eddy followers over the fact that however loyal and successful the workers under the Eddy flag, these workers had no voice whatever in the direction of the affairs of the church.

According to the rules and laws then in operation, they had some legal right to a voice in the management of the church, but, in actual practice, they were only so many ciphers. Finally, there was great jubilation in the Eddy camp over the fact that the whole machinery of the Christian Science church was thrown on the scrap heap.

At last the Scientist was to be free from the dwarfing despotism under which he had served, through the months or years.

Through the Christian Science Journal, Mrs. Eddy announces her reasons for wrecking the old machinery in these words: "The dissolution of the visible organization of the church, is the sequence and the compliment of the college corporation and association. The college disappeared, that the spirit of Christ may have freer course amongst its students and all who come into the understanding of Divine Science; the bonds of the organization of the church were thrown away, so that the members might gather themselves together and provoke one another to good works in the bonds of love."

When, however, the faithful got through with their jolifications, they found that Mrs. Eddy had played her usual cunning hand, and the old machinery had been thrown on the rocks to make place for the new machinery that swept away the last and the least remains of individual power or voice anywhere in the Science world. Under the new system every member was absolutely gagged and shackled!

Every Scientist, everywhere, was placed as absolutely in the hands of Mrs. Eddy, as the figures in a game of chess are the creatures of the players.

In no religious movement ever launched have men and women been made the religious puppets of an egotistical, domineering, fame seeking head, as in this cult movement, where the so-called Scientist lives and moves and has his being.

Throughout the Christian Science churches of the world a few pitiable jumping-jacks go through the mule-around-a-molasses-mill circle of religious worship, which Mrs. Eddy has outlined, and which must be rigidly adhered to, on penalty of instant expulsion from the church.

While the Manual of the Science church has its catch phrases, and its wool-gathering, befuddling subterfuges,—to the honest investigator, the fact is as clear as day, that here is one of the most cunningly constructed pieces of legislation in the world, today, in so far as it magnifies, and glorifies, and deifies the head, and gags, and shackles, and hobbles, and enslaves the thousands who serve under that head.

Under this new system Mrs. Eddy sat, with powers unlimited over everything that accepted the C. S. brand, and with the scratch of her pen she could, and did, write into oblivion some of the leading workers of her cult.

She judged all men and was judged by none.

From her scratching pen ran orders of excommunication and villification beyond anything ever before witnessed under the head of religion.

Every lecturer, and every reader, and every practitioner in the Christian Science world was the abject slave of this old, fame seeking, money grabbing swindler; and these men and women were as

subject to her caprice or whim, and as much her slave, as the most shrinking, pitiable black man was once the property and the slave of the most heartless slave owner and subject to his caprice or whim.

When you enter a Christian Science service, the first reader gets up, by orders of Mrs. Eddy, and announces that he is going to read from "Science and Health with a Key to the Scriptures," WRITTEN BY MRS. MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

Her name must ever be kept in the foreground.

Then the puppet reads, and if he had the wisdom of a Dr. Henry Ward Beecher, when he has read the little lesson from the Science joke-book, he must sit down. He dare not even comment on the lesson, on the penalty of excommunication.

The Science puppet, healer or what not, is faced with the threat of immediate expulsion from the church, unless he keeps Mrs. Eddy ever in the foreground, and her high priced books also well in the front.

In my articles on the "Isms," I ran an order from Mrs. Eddy, which appeared in the Christian Science Sentinel, in which she warns her followers that they must not alone use her books, and hers, only, but they must sell all these books possible, on the plain warning, that any failure to comply with the stipulation of this order, would lay the member liable, and would lead to his expulsion from the church.

Forever and ever and ever, the Scientist is tied down to the disjointed, conglomerate, pantheistic, asinine contradictions of this so-called inspired book, and upon this they must feed, without comment or exposition.

As a final cap-sheaf to this brazen and audacious piece of so-called religious legislation, Mrs. Eddy

announces, in Article XXII, Section 4: "If the Author of Science and Health bear witness to the offense of mental malpractice, it shall be a sufficient evidence thereof."

Now, my readers can better understand just what those words include, when they remember that Mrs. Eddy was in deadly fear of what she chose to call "mental malpractice."

While she taught repeatedly that "Sin and the Sinner are nothingness," and that "man is incapable of sin," yet she charged her one-time followers, Kennedy and Spofford, with committing adultery, and committing murder, and with severing friend from friend, through this thing called mental malpractice.

More than that, she charged Arnes with having killed her last husband, Mr. Eddy, by mental malpractice, and she tried to get an attorney to enter the courts to prosecute Mr. Arnes for murder.

Her students testified that she had them up often at all hours of the night, to help her fight off the attempts that her enemies, Spofford, Kennedy and Arnes, etc., were making to assassinate her through administering the destructive fluid called malicious animal magnetism.

Now then, Mrs. Eddy announces to her church that if she pronounces sentence upon anyone for using mental malpractice, it shall be sufficient evidence that the party upon whom she pronounces judgment is guilty of that criminal deed.

This little piece of legislation means one of two things, and that is, that either Mrs. Eddy believed she was possessed of the powers of Omniscience, and could read the thoughts of the mind and understand the motives of the heart, or it was another of her brazen, cunningly devised methods through which

she could remove the head of some puppet that refused to lick her hand, or someone who promised "too much" in the faith.

If she meant her followers to understand that she believed herself Omniscient, she should have been in the bug house, and if she believed that her followers had little enough sense to swallow such an absurd piece of legislation, she either should have been in the penitentiary, or these followers should have been in the home for the feeble minded.

The next time you enter a Christian Science service, just remember this.

They hold Mrs. Eddy up, because she has so ordered.

They read from the book, *Science and Health*, without comment, because she has so ordered.

Just remember that you are watching a lot of religious puppets go through a cut-and-dried performance, outlined by Mrs. Eddy, and enforced by the most exacting laws and rules ever constructed to compel complete and uncomplaining submission by every member, everywhere.

And yet, **THESE MEN AND WOMEN TELL YOU THEY HAVE FOUND A NEW LIBERTY.**

THE BOOK.

"Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Gal. 1:8.

We have briefly discussed Mrs. Eddy, the woman; and Christian Science, the system; and now let us look at *Science and Health*, the book.

Where did Mrs. Eddy get this book?

She says, "I have found nothing in ancient or modern systems on which to found my own, except

the teachings and demonstrations of our great master."

In 1871, in a letter to W. W. Wright, of Lynn, in answer to the question, "Has this theory ever been advertised and practiced before you introduced it, or by any other individual?" Mrs. Eddy says. "Never advertised, and practiced by only one individual, who healed me, Dr. Quimby, of Portland, Maine, an old gentleman who made it the research of twenty-five years, starting from the standpoint of magnetism, thence going forward and leaving that behind."

In 1862, Mrs. Eddy, then a student under Quimby, published articles in the Portland papers, seeking to interest the public in the wonderful discovery which Quimby had made. In these characteristic Eddy effusions, she likens him to Jesus Christ, and announces that he healed as Christ healed, "He rolls away the stone from the sepulcher of error," she says, in one of the articles, "and health is the resurrection."

When, finally, she began to realize something of the moneytary value that might possible be tied up in this discovery, she made all haste to copyright the so-called science, and then it was she brazenly announced to the world that the discovery was received direct from heaven, and was not taught her by man!

When her letters and articles were produced as evidence in support of the contention that she had plagiarized the book, and had stolen the method, she repudiates all her written and published laudations of Dr. Quimby, her great benefactor, by announcing that if she wrote such things about him she must have been suffering under the bad influence of "Animal Magnetism," and she further avers that Dr.

Quimby was hopelessly illiterate and a hypnotist.

But since much of the commendatory material that is held as proof that Mrs. Eddy got her ideas from Quimby, were written by Mrs. Eddy several years after Quimby's death, her charge that she was suffering under his hypnotic spell, when she wrote her laudations, will hardly hold water.

Following the success of the introduction of this new religion, Mrs. Eddy conceived the notion that she and her book should rank second to none, and then began what the world has never witnessed before and will probably never witness again—a partially successful attempt of a greedy old woman to place herself alongside Jesus Christ, and her book alongside His book.

Every turn Mrs. Eddy made during her last days was with the studied and deliberate attempt to place herself side by side with Jesus of Nazareth.

She announces: "Our Master healed the sick and taught the generalities of its Divine Principle; but He left no definite rule for demonstrating His principles of healing and preventing disease. **THIS REMAINED to be DISCOVERED THROUGH CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.**"

Again: "Even the scriptures gave no direct basis for demonstrating the spiritual principle of healing until our Father saw fit through the Key to the Scriptures in Science and Health to unlock the mystery of Godliness."

While Christ and the Bible precede her, yet she modestly announces that she comes as the "finisher," the "fulfiller," of the incompleted work of Christ.

Now listen: "No person," she says, "can take the place of the Virgin Mary. No person can compass or fulfill the individual mission of Jesus of Nazareth."

areth. NO PERSON CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF THE AUTHOR OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH—THE DISCOVERER AND FOUNDER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. Each individual (The Virgin Mary, Jesus and Mary Baker G. Eddy) must fill his or her own niche in time and eternity.

There you have it—The Virgin Mary, The Spotless Christ, and the Three-times-married, no-body-seems-to know how many times divorced, home dividing plagiarizing, fame-seeking, money-grabbing jealous, slanderous, despotic Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy, must stand side by side through the ceaseless ages of eternity.

In the Science temple Mrs. Eddy's sayings are just a little more conspicuously cut alongside the sayings of Jesus.

In the Science worship, The FIRST READERS READ FROM SCIENCE AND HEALTH, ANNOUNCING, ALWAYS THE NAME OF MARY BAKER G. EDDY; and the second reader reads from the Word of God, and the name of Jesus may or may not be mentioned.

Science and Health treats of such subjects as Spiritualism, Physiology, Theology, Demonology, Animal Magnetism, Medicine, Prayer, Science, Atonement, Marriage, Creation, etc., etc., and yet there is hopeless chaos in so far as order or continuity of thought are concerned,—the whole thing is as destitute of harmonious arrangement as it would be if the whole book were crammed into a shot-gun and fired into its present form.

While other men have labored faithfully over the Science Joke-Book, there seems to be as much of a hopeless jumble about it, today, as ever before.

Mrs. Eddy explains her bad breaks in English, and her laborious attempts at expression, by this

wonderfully Illuminating fact (???) She says, "After my discovery of Christian Science, most of the knowledge I had gleaned from books vanished like a dream," (it was here she claimed her Hebrew, Greek and Latin left her)—"learning was so illumined that grammar was eclipsed."

My, my, my, my, my, my, my, my, and again I say, my!

Someone has suggested that the eclipse in grammar was nearly a total one, and I might add, also a perpetual one.

In this second study I have tried to whip into tangible form a few of the thousands of facts that have to do with the operations of the founder of Christian Science, and the Despotism of the System under which the Scientist shouts about his liberty; and the Book, around which the Eddyites cluster.

In so far as the issues of this strange cult may affect the churches of the world, these issues must be taken up later.

I add two testimonials here, as a fitting close to the second study.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the OUTLOOK, says: "I frankly confess to my Christian Science friends that I dread the enervating influences of a philosophy which denies the reality of evil; calls men off from courageous, patient and intelligent campaign against it, and bids them regard evil whether moral or physical, as only a mortal thought, to be vanquished by a process of spiritual thinking."

Now, Dr. Abbott belongs to the new school, and the new school usually can stomach anything.

Pundita Ramabai, a native of India says: "On my arrival in New York, I was told that a new philosophy was being taught in the United States and that it had won many disciples. This philos-

ophy, they said, was called Christian Science, and when I asked what its teachings were, I recognized it as being the same philosophy that has been taught amongst my people for four thousand years. It has wrecked millions of lives and caused immeasurable suffering and sorrow in my land, for it is based on selfishness, and knows no sympathy or compassion."

"To sympathize with sin and suffering," says the Science edict, "it to dethrone God as the God of the universe."

In talk number three we take up the question, "Is it Christian?"

Is It Christian?

TALK NUMBER THREE.

“Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved; and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.” 2d Thessalonians 2:10-11.

There is no swindle in all the world of religious swindles that is quite so cunningly constructed as Christian Science.

There is no swindle in all the world of religious swindles that is quite so adroitly handled.

There is no swindle in all the world of religious swindles that offers larger returns on such small investments.

According to the Christian Science schedule, you have only to work the lever of your thinking apparatus, and whatever is unpleasant, or threatening, in a crooked past, can be eliminated from the world of fact.

According to the Christian Science schedule, you have only to work the lever of your thinking apparatus, and whatever is pleasant and desirable just ahead, becomes immediately yours.

The land of fulfillment, of which you have dreamed, is yours to realize and yours to fully enjoy, just by a simple process of thinking.

Christian Science stands out in the life of the nation as the nation's greatest religious mirage.

All along the pathway of this cult you find the sad wrecks of a disappointed hope—the sick, and the suffering, and the dying, and the “lying,” and

around these and over these pass other thousands who climb on, and grab on, and smile on, ever reaching out for that elusive something, that intangible something, that seems always to be just an arm's length ahead.

While these mirage chasers deny the reality of disease and death, the breath of disease blows upon them and they wilt, and the grim reaper passes along his hook, and another religious dupe has fallen victim to the reality of the thing that his religion taught him never existed.

Jesus Christ taught that the Christian way was not an easy way to travel.

Jesus Christ talked a great deal about "The Cross," and about "Self Denial," and about the "Narrow Way."

Jesus Christ set the example of a "Gethsamane," and a "Judgment Hall," and "Thorns," and a "cruel scourge."

Jesus Christ has much to say about "sin" and "suffering," about "disease" and "death," and about a "judgment," and a "hell," and a "heaven."

Jesus Christ also said there would be those who would try to climb up some other way, and He warns us that these will stand as thieves and robbers—as those who would steal away the atoning merits of His shed blood, and rob men and women of their only hope for life and heaven.

Multitudes turn to these cults because the cult offers an easier way.

Multitudes turn to Christian Science because it offers larger dividends, on less effort and expense, than any other religion in the world.

This religion (that we believe is pantheistic in a most pronounced sense), hides its poisonous sting,

like the asp, beneath the fruit and flowers—beneath the fruit and the flowers of church form and church language.

While in reality it denies every doctrine for which the Church of Christ stands, it most vehemently professes to believe them all.

In a newspaper controversy with one of the press agents of the Christian Science machine, in which he published the “Tenets” of the Christian Science church as evidence to refute the charge that I had made, that Christian Science was not Christian, I challenged him, and even dared him to take up these “Tenets” one by one and define them.

When I challenged this paid puppet of this religious machine to analyze and define his terms, he did just what they will all do—he went trailing off into meaningless generalities, crying like a distressed bird when you get too near her nest.

This so-called creed, or these “Tenets,” are published with the deliberate attempt to deceive the susceptible, untaught multitudes of the Church of Christ.

If Christian Science were stripped of its hocus-pocus, its meaningless and misleading phrases—in a more definite declaration; if Christian Science were stripped of its subtlety and its subterfuges and stood forth for what it is, the average church member would not give this cult a passing thought.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE.

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” 2nd Peter 1:21.

“The material record of the Bible is no more im-

portant to our well being than the history of Europe or America.”—Mrs. Eddy.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”—Bible.

“Is this true or is it a lie? Evidently this is a lie.”—Mrs. Eddy.

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him.”—Bible.

“Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female?”—Christ.

“Adam is a product of nothing, an unreality.”—Mrs. Eddy.

“I am the way, the truth, the life.”—Christ.

“Master to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.”—Disciples.

“There is but one way to heaven and harmony and Christ, and Divine Science shows us the way.”—Mrs. Eddy.

“The ego is revealed in Father, Son and Holy Ghost; but **THE FULL TRUTH IS FOUND ONLY IN DIVINE SCIENCE.**”—Mrs. Eddy.

The Bible says, “God created man.”

Mrs. Eddy says, “Man co-existed with God and the universe.”

The Bible says, “God is a Spirit—God created the heaven and the earth.”

Mrs. Eddy says, “Spirit never created matter.”

The Bible teaches us that “God is love.”

Mrs. Eddy says, “Love is GOD.”

The Bible teaches us that “God is good.”

Mrs. Eddy says, “Good is GOD.”

The Bible deifies God.

Christian Science deifies an attribute of God.

“In the **BEGINNING** God.”—The Bible.

“In the beginning—beginning signifies ‘the

only'—that is, the eternal verity and unity of God and man."—Mrs. Eddy.

"Beginning," as used in the first verse of the Bible, signifies what Mrs. Eddy says it signifies, not because any Hebrew student in the world would permit any such rendering, or "rending," of the word, but wholly and solely because "Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy" chooses to have it so translated.

In the few instances given above we give a fair illustration of the wide gulf that yawns between the Bible, Christ, His disciples, and Mrs. Eddy.

Mrs. Eddy calls her disjointed conglomeration of high sounding and often meaningless phrases, "The Key to the Bible," but wherever the key fails to work, she takes her hammer and breaks the lock.

The Bible warns the church that there will be those who will "wrest the scriptures to their damnation," and if this brazen, blasphemous concoction, called Science and Health, does not furnish a horrible example of "wrested Scripture," then such an example does not exist.

Mrs. Eddy reads into the Word of God, or out of the Word of God, whatever strikes her changing fancy, and when there is no chance to twist, or wrest the Scriptures, to fit her hodge-podge, she simply announces that this is an "error" or a "lie."

Using the Eddyite system of Bible translation, I will give my readers a very striking illustration, and a very solemn warning, in the following re-arranged scriptures.

"Now, the serpent (which is Christian Science), is more subtle than any beasts of the field (the cult world) which the Lord had made (or permitted), and he (Christian Science) said unto the woman (which is the Church of Christ), 'Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree in the garden?'

And the woman (the Church of Christ) said unto the serpent (Christian Science), 'we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, GOD HATH SAID, ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.' And the serpent (Christian Science) said unto the woman (the Church of Christ), 'YE SHALL NOT SURELY DIE.!' "

Permitted to read into, or out of, or permitted to disjoint or disconnect, you can make God's Book, unqualifiedly endorse any vagary hell may produce.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GOD.

Jesus Christ says, "After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy says, "When you pray, pray ye: Principle, eternal and harmonious, nameless and adorable intelligence, Thou art ever present and supreme; and when the supremacy of spirit shall appear, the supremacy of matter will disappear. Give us the understanding of truth and love, and loving, we shall learn God, and truth will destroy error. And lead us not into life that is soul; and deliver us from the error of sense, sin, sickness and death, for God is life, truth and love forever.

The prayer of Jesus Christ was given to His followers and to the church of all lands and all ages as the model prayer, and, in keeping with His instruc-

tions, all Christendom, through the centuries, has prayed this wonderful prayer.

This prayer that Jesus taught the church, however, does not fit into the Christian Science schedule, and so the first editions of Science and Health carried out to the world this brazen, blasphemous revision of the prayer which Jesus Christ prayed.

And why this revision?

The Christian Scientist cannot pray the Lord's prayer without repudiating some of the foundation facts of his religion, and here Mrs. Eddy does with the Word of God just what she does with every other conflicting passage—she revises and remakes God's Holy Word into whatever patch-work, or crazy quilt, will best spread over her pantheistic theories.

Jesus Christ says, "When you pray, pray ye: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN." Mrs. Eddy says, "When you pray, pray ye: Principle, eternal and harmonious."

In these two prayers you have pretty clearly drawn the line of demarcation between the Christian's conception of God and the Christian Scientist theory.

The Christian worships an omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent God—a personal God, who understands, loves, forgives, pities and helps.

The Christian Scientist seeks to get in harmony with a Divine Principle, which is called the "Only Mind."

"God," according to Christian Science, "is a principle."

To use the analogy of Mrs. Eddy, "God is of the same impersonal character as the principle of mathematics."

Repeatedly Mrs. Eddy uses this illustration to

illustrate to the church and the world her conception of Deity.

God is not alone a principle, after the same order as the principle of mathematics, but He is "the only principle."

"God is not person, or personal," Mrs. Eddy says, and when the question comes, "What is God?"—(Not WHO is God, but WHAT is God?)—and the answer is, "Mind, Principle, etc."

Church members, generally, are deceived into believing that the Scientist worships the same God the Protestant church worships, but these Gods are just as distinct, on the higher levels, as man is distinct from the electric current that flashes along the wire.

"We acknowledge one Supreme God, we acknowledge His Son, and the Holy Ghost," says the creed of the Christian Scientist, but when you force them back to a definition of these terms, God is a "principle," Christ is an "ideal," and the Holy Ghost is "Christian Science."

There is no religion in all the vast realm of religions more cunningly constructed, more artfully baited, for the gathering in of the untaught millions of the church than this.

Christian Science denies the Personality of God, and reduces God to a principle,—a sort of a spoke in the fly wheel of creation.

"There is no matter," says Mrs. Eddy. "Mind is all," and, furthermore, "God is the only mind," which stripped and stood forth for what it is, Christian Science stands revealed to the honest investigator as Pantheism, bald and blasphemous.

This Mrs. Eddy denies, and on the ground that "Pantheism is a belief in the intelligence of matter."

Since little apples began to grow, no student has ever heard such a definition of Pantheism—if Pantheism is a belief in the intelligence of matter, as Mrs Eddy says, then Christian Science is not Pantheism, and furthermore, there is no Pantheism.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND PRAYER.

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee (Christian Scientist), and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus **WITH HIMSELF**—(within himself)—‘God I thank thee, that I am not as other men,’ etc. (Man is incapable of sin—sin and the sinner are nothingness, so, says Christian Science). And the publican standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified.” Luke 18:10-14.

Here is a perfect illustration of the striking difference in the prayer of the Scientist and the prayer of the Protestant church. In the prayer which Jesus Christ taught us to pray, we are to pray, “Forgive us our trespasses,” and here again He has the publican smiting his breast and saying, “God be merciful to me a sinner.”

Mrs. Eddy says, in her chapter on prayer, “Prayer to a personal God is a hindrance, a misapprehension of the source of their own beliefs. God is not influenced by man, and the habit of pleading with the divine mind as we plead with a human being perpetuates the belief in God as humanly circumscribed, an error that impedes spiritual growth.”

Jesus Christ prayed whole nights, and urged His followers to importune at the Throne of Grace—

that to "ask," was to receive, and to "seek" was to find, and to "knock" was to have the door opened unto them.

All the saints of all the ages were men who wrestled alone with God, often through whole weary nights, until they prevailed and won the blessings they sought, and, with life enriched and empowered with the double portion, they have gone out to shake entire communities for Christ and His church.

To pray to a personal God is hindrance, Mrs. Eddy says, and, furthermore, such praying perpetuates the belief that God is humanly circumscribed!

Now, in making such a statement concerning the Christian conception of prayer, Mrs. Eddy either spoke in pitiable ignorance of the Christian conception of prayer, or else it was another of those many attempts—deliberate and dishonest attempts—to mis-state the Christian's idea of God and prayer.

Any ten-year-old child that knows the first principles of our Holy religion, knows that when we plead with God—our Heavenly Father—we plead with Him to act for us, just because we believe that He is not "humanly circumscribed."

Again, in this crude concoction of falsehood and fancy called prayer, she says, "It implies the vain supposition that we have nothing to do but ask pardon, and that afterwards we shall be free to repeat the offense."

If Mrs. Eddy believed that she was correctly stating the Christian's conviction concerning forgiveness, it only shows how utterly and hopelessly ignorant she was on the simplest facts of the Christian faith, and if she knew better, then she was deliberately seeking to mislead the public and villify the church.

While Christian Scientists profess to pray and

to pray much, prayer, as the church has been taught to pray, is positively unknown to the Science church.

Mrs. Eddy says, "It is principle, not person, that saves man instead of pardons him," and again, "All sensation is mind, and mind is God; hence there is but one mind, and this one is infinite, supplying all minds by REFLECTION, not sub-division of himself."

Prayer, in the Christian Science cult, is a sort of a mental reverie, or an inaudible soliloquy, or an attempt at auto-suggestion or hypnotism.

Furthermore, this sort of praying will have an answer, according to the Science argument, because "we put our desires into practice."

In other words, you are to turn back into yourself and seek there what you have been taught to seek before the Throne of Grace.

The Christian has been taught to pray "by" the Holy Spirit. "We know not what we should pray for—the Holy Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered," says St. Paul.

The Christian has been taught to pray "through" Jesus Christ—"Whatsoever ye shall ask in MY NAME," says Jesus.

The Christian has been taught to pray "TO" the Father—"How much more will your Heavenly Father give to them that ask."

"By" the Holy Spirit, "through" Jesus Christ, "TO" the Father, is the Christian avenue of prayer, but the Christian Scientist prays "by" Mrs. Eddy, "through Science and Health, to the Divine Principle, or the 'Only Mind,' of which you are a part," therefore, like the Pharisee spoken of above, the Scientist prays "with himself"—or within himself.

The Deity of Christ

TALK NUMBER FOUR

“Who is a liar, but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ.” 1st John 2:22. “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise—the angel of the Lord appeared unto him (Joseph) in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived of her is of the Holy Ghost.’” Matthew 1:18.

“The birth of Jesus Christ,” says Mrs. Eddy, “was on this wise: The illumination of Mary’s spiritual life put to silence material law and its order of generation, and brought forth a child by the revelation of truth.”

Again she says, “the spiritual idea, Christ, dwells forever in the bosom of the Father, God, from which it illumines heaven and earth.”

Please notice, that not alone does Mrs. Eddy flatly contradict the Gospel statements concerning the miraculous conception and the virgin birth, but in keeping with her foundation teaching, that “God is a principle and we the reflection of that principle, and Christ is but an idea sent forth from the one minds, God,” she says, “the spiritual idea, Christ, dwells forever in the bosom of the Father, God from which it illumines heaven and earth.”

The “spiritual idea”—Christ, dwells “forever in the bosom of the Father,” from which “IT” illumines heaven and earth.

Again Mrs. Eddy says, “Tritheism impossible. The theory of three persons in one God (that is a

personal Trinity or Tri-unity) suggests polytheism rather than one ever present I AM."

Mohammed tells us in the Koran, "verily, Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary is the Apostle of God. Believe therefore in God and His apostles and say not there are three Gods."

As between the Christian Science conception of Jesus Christ and the Mohammedan conception of Jesus Christ, the Mohammedan Conception is by far the more acceptable of the two.

From a recent issue of the Christian Science Sentinel, I take the following testimony offered by a Jew: "Whenever and wherever I attend a Christian Science service, I find a goodly number of Jews enthusiastically taking part in the services, and testifying to the grand verity of this teaching. I desire to express my profound gratitude, for the bringing of so many of these people, my people, into this wonderful truth. I was born a Jew of the tribe of Judah, and raised an Israelite, that is, in the fear of the Lord, and now I am a Christian Scientist, to me a grand evolution, a spiritual growth. I have come into the understanding of man's unity with God, the self-same God of Israel, whom I have learned to know more intimately as the ever present God, who is always ready and willing to aid and guide us in everything that is good. Christian Science teaches that God is love, 'the underived, the incomparable, the infinite ALL of good, the ALONE God.' " (Miscellaneous writings page 249.

Notice that this Israelite, (Israel Gittelson) quotes Mrs. Eddy where she refers to God as the "ALL" of good, and the "ALONE" God. We give the quotation as he gave it, in capitals, and doubly emphasized.

When one comes to know the Christ the Chris-

tian Scientists worship, it means nothing that thousands of Jews are flocking to the Christian Science standard.

St. Paul says, "we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jew a stumbling block, and unto the Greek foolishness."

Mrs. Eddy says, "We preach Christ Idealized—the spiritual idea, dwelling forever in the bosom of the Father, from which 'IT' illumines heaven and earth."

"The theory of three persons in one God, that is a personal Trinity, suggests heathen Gods," says Mrs. Eddy.

And again Mrs. Eddy says, "Christ is a Divine principle, not a person."

And yet again she says, "God is a principle, and principle cannot pardon."

Over against the assertions of Mrs. Eddy that there are not three persons in the Trinity, and that Christ is not a person but an "idea," and that God is only a principle and principle cannot pardon, one might practically stand the whole Bible.

"Return unto the Lord," says the Word of God, "and He will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." 1 John 1:9.

Yet Mrs. Eddy says, "God is a principle and principle cannot pardon."

Again, "The word became flesh and dwelt amongst us, (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth." John 1:14.

"He took on Him the seed of Abraham." Hebrews 2:16.

“A spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have.” Luke 24:39.

And yet Mrs. Eddy says, “Christ is a divine principle, not a person.

“Baptising them in the name of the Father, and in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Ghost.” Matt. 28:19.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” II Cor. 13:14.

But Mrs. Eddy says, “the theory of three persons in one God, that is a personal Trinity, suggests heathen Gods.”

Jew, Universalist, Unitarian, Transmigrationist, with every other creed and breed, that sets itself in opposition to the Deity of Christ and the efficacy of His shed blood, can find welcome and refuge under the Christian Science banner; and further, there need be no surrender of any of the devil inculcated, and hell engendered animosity that these breeds hold against the crucified Christ—the Christ who poured out His “blood as a ransom for many.”

A very prominent physician of the West gave me the pathetic story of an Eastern professor who had come to his city with tuberculosis. Who, when he had done all that medical science could do to prolong life, was asked by the dying man whether or not he should take up Christian Science. “The professor told me,” the doctor said, “that the Christian Scientists had been visiting him and had assured him that they could cure him. And that he had come to believe that Christian Science was his only hope.” “I assured him,” said the doctor, “that if I were in his place, I certainly would give Christian Science a trial. I was called back a few months later, to find the man dying. ‘Doctor,’ said he, ‘I

have sent for you to beg of you that under no circumstances whatever will you ever again advise one of your patients to take up Christian Science. I have many reasons for asking you that you never again permit yourself to turn your patients over to a Christian Science practitioner, and the main reason is that they **ROB YOU OF YOUR PERSONAL LORD.**"

This dying man, who had known the consolation and the inspiration of the crucified, risen and glorified Christ, was lying dying and crying out with Mary of old, "they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him."

THE DEATH OF CHRIST.

"And Jesus cried with a loud voice and gave up the Ghost." Mark 15:37.

"Then came the soldiers and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs." John 19:33.

"And (Christ) said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day." Luke 24:46.

"I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore." Revelation 1:18.

The most tremendous facts of the Christian religion gather about the Cross of Christ.

The Deity of Christ, with His death, atonement, resurrection, ascension, and return, combine to make the whole foundation work of the Christian church.

When Mrs. Eddy faced the Cross of Christ, she faced there the greatest problem of her checkered career, as a religious teacher.

To most teachers, who have any knowledge whatever of all the issues that cluster about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, there has come more or less of hesitancy in promulgating theories that cheapen in any way the awful sacrifice made at Calvary.

In Christian Science it is the usual brazen, blasphemous story, of wrested Scriptures, and substituted phrases, for which infallibility is claimed, a concocted story that repudiates the Gospel message by which millions have been saved from sin.

One thing is absolutely certain, either Jesus Christ and His disciples were hopelessly ignorant concerning the happenings of Golgotha's hill, or else Christian Science stands out in the cult kingdom as the most unblushing swindle that has ever been passed out to gullible people.

As we shall undertake to show later in this message, not alone does Mrs. Eddy make the blood of Christ an unholy thing, or an unnecessary thing, but she even denies that Christ died on the Cross, and necessarily so.

If the foundation teaching of Christian Science is true, and God is but a "principle," and Jesus Christ is but an "idea," and man is but the "reflection" of this principle, and all alike are incapable of sin, suffering, and death, then certainly Christ did not die.

While Christian Science literature abounds in terms and phrases that imply a Christian Science belief in the reality of the crucifixion and the resurrection, these terms and phrases, when analyzed, dissolve into nothingness.

According to the Christian Science, mortal mind has no real existence, and yet it is the creator of false beliefs such as matter, sin, sickness, and death.

Again, according to Christian Science, there is no matter, but matter, analyzed and reduced to its proper channel, is mortal mind, and this mortal mind visits upon the body whatever sin, sickness or death the body may appear to be heir to.

And yet again, sin is nothingness, and the sinner is nothingness, and yet according to the Christian Science schedule, sin created the sinner.

This is only a fair sample of the mental gymnastics through which one must pass in trying to find some permanent peg in the Christian Science dream world, on which to hang a definite conclusion.

Repeatedly and explicitly and unconditionally, the Bible teaches that Jesus Christ actually died, and was actually buried, and on the third day He actually rose from the dead.

But this line of teaching does not fit the fantastic pyrotechnics of the Christian Science cult, and so these statements are repudiated and thrown overboard with the following astounding declaration:

First, Mrs. Eddy, says, "The fleshy Jesus seemed to die!" We don't know how it sounds to the ear of the average worshiper of the Holy Christ to have Him referred to as the "fleshy Jesus," but to the author of these messages, it is obnoxious beyond the power of language to express.

Again, Mrs. Eddy says, "After what seemed to be His death."

And yet again, referring to St. Paul's wonderful declaration, "We are reconciled to God through the death of His Son," Mrs. Eddy reads in her favorite word, and leaves the declaration a joke by quoting St. Paul as follows: "We were reconciled to God by the seeming death of His Son."

Concerning the three days that the body of our Lord laid in the tomb, Mrs. Eddy says, "His disci-

ples believed Jesus to be dead, while He was hidden in the sepulcher, whereas He was alive, demonstrating within the narrow tomb the power of spirit to over-rule mortal, material sense."

If this were true, then what an unpardonable crime Christ committed against His disciples, for out into the world these men went preaching a crucified and resurrected Lord. And for this truth eleven out of twelve of these men died violent deaths!

"But," Christian Scientists may say, "Mrs. Eddy taught that Jesus' students saw Him after the crucifixion and learned that He had not died."

To be true, Mrs. Eddy taught this, but we challenge Christian Scientists to produce one line of Scripture for any such asinine teaching.

Whole pages of the inspired Word of God concerning the crucifixion and resurrection are repudiated and thrown over-board by this money grabbing, praise seeking, egotistical old ignoramus, and yet men and women of more than average intelligence will accept her as the Alpha and Omega of the religious teaching of the world.

According to Christian Science, Jesus only seemed to die on an imaginary cross, and was placed in an imaginary tomb, where for three days He practiced Christian Science, healing His unreal body of unreal wounds, which He had received on an unreal cross, while dying a death He never died. And His students (another of Mrs. Eddy's inventions) were informed later on that while they were weeping over His death, He was only pretending to be dead.

"I am He that liveth and was dead," said Christ.

"Jesus only 'seemed' to die," says Mrs. Eddy.

THE ATONEMENT.

“Now I make known unto you, brethren, the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye received, wherein also ye stand, by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you except ye believe in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received; How THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.” 1 Corinthians 15:1. 2,3.

“Without shedding of blood is no remission.” Hebrews 9:22.

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered Himself without blemish unto God, cleanse.” Hebrews 9:14.

“My blood . . . is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Matthew 26:28.

Over against these explicit statements of Jesus Christ, and His inspired followers, I place the contradictory statements of Mrs. Eddy.

Mrs. Eddy says, “One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin. The atonement requires constant self-immolation on the sinner’s part.”

Again she says, “The atonement is the exemplification of man’s unity with God.”

And again, “The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree, than when it was flowing in His veins as He went daily about His Father’s business.”

These declarations of hers, while giving the lie to the statements of Jesus Christ and His apostles, are necessary statements.

If, as Christian Science teaches, “God is a prin-

ciple," after the same order as the principle of mathematics, and we are the reflection of that principle, hence incapable of sin, it stands to reason that in such a religious system there would be no place for the Christian conception of the atonement.

To talk about reconciliation between the "reflection" of a "principle" and the "principle" itself, is to swing out to the farthest reaches of absurdity.

The shadow of a man is incapable of sin, suffering, and death, and certainly it would be ludicrous to the extreme to talk about reconciliation between a man's shadow and the man. And of course it is more ludicrous to talk of reconciling a "reflection"—man, to a "principle," God.

"The only reality of sin," says Mrs. Eddy, "is the awful fact that it seems real to human belief."

"Christian Science would save the people from any imaginary disasters that come through the illusory sin, by teaching the sinner that he is not a sinner;" that "both sin, and the sinner alike, are nothingness."

Christian Science further teaches that God is mind—the only mind, and we are "the full expression of mind," and further, "there is nothing in us which is not of God." And further still, "God is all in all. God is good. Therefore all is good. Therefore there can be no evil." Which followed out to its last analysis means that God is God in St. Paul, or in the Emperor Nero. That God is God in D. L. Moody, or John Wilkes Booth. And that God is God in men and women everywhere on whatever levels they choose to live their lives.

Such teaching is not alone absurdly false, but it is damnably pernicious, and the fruits of such teaching will begin to make themselves known when you reach the second and third generations of Scientists.

For if men and women are to believe that headaches are not real, and cancers are not real, and that dishonesty is not real, and that immorality is not real, it does not require the fore-vision of a prophet to predict what mental and moral and spiritual monstrosities this cult will eventually breed.

The only hope of the race rests in its consciousness of right and wrong, and in the moral sensitiveness that has led the race to make distinctions between the evil and the good.

Any religions that teaches "there is no will that is not God's will," and therefore no act that is not God's act, is not alone blasphemous to the farthest reaches of blasphemy, but is also a crime against God's moral universe.

In an article under the general head of the "Isms," published about a year ago, I gave the following summing up of the Christian Science idea concerning Jesus Christ, His advent into the world, His seeming death, seeming resurrection, and seeming ascension:

"Mortal mind (that never existed) thought thoughts of evil that were never thought, and did deeds of evil that were never done, and an impersonal mind, called God, sent to this material world (that never existed) a living manifestation of Himself, in a material body (that never existed), that He might be the way-shower, directing the minds of men (which never had any existence apart from the one mind, God), how to overcome evil (which never had any existence and of which God had no knowledge). This living manifestation of God was known as Jesus Christ. After He had lived in a material body (which never existed) for more than thirty three years, He was arrested, tried, and crowned with thorns (that never existed), and whipped with

a scourge (that never existed) and was nailed to a cross (that never existed), where He died a death which He did not die. He was buried in a tomb (that never existed), and there in the tomb He practiced Christian Science and healed Himself of unreal wounds in His unreal body, which He had received in His unreal death. He arose, passed through some sort of an ascension and was rejoined to the one impersonal mind from which He had never been separated.'"

As ludicrous as this statement may appear on first reading, stripped, boiled down, and run into a tangible form, the statement is a fair and honest setting forth of the Christian Science conception of Christ and His Cross. It is the old story over again, of taking away the underlying and tremendous facts of the Christian religion, to substitute meaningless phrases, and to read in cunningly woven generalities that leave the Gospel story a vast structure of fable, falsehood and fancy.

The Deity of Christ

TALK NUMBER FIVE.

“Be it known unto you all and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby ye must be saved.” Acts 4: 10-12.

The crowning event of Christian Science is not what it does for the souls of men, but what it does for the bodies of men.

Attend a mid-week service in a Christian Science church, and you will find the service is practically given over to a laudation of Christian Science, through what it has done in healing the physical man of real, or imaginary ailments.

The Christian Scientist has very little to say about Jesus Christ as a Savior from sin, and necessarily so.

According to the Christian Science theory, man is self existent, like God, and co-existent with God.

Man was not made out of the dust of the earth, because matter is non-existent, and further, man has no sins to be saved from, and therefore no need of a Savior.

“But,” someone inquires, “do not Christian Scientists profess to have a Savior in the Christian Science Christ?”

Yes and no. In so far as the Christian’s conception

of Christ, the Savior, is concerned, they most emphatically do not. To the Christian Scientist, Christ is a "Spiritual idea"—"an impersonal Savior,"—"a disappearing incorporeal concept." Mind you, Christ is not a person according to the Christian Science theory, nor is God a person.

The foundation teaching of Christian Science is that "God is a principle," and we are the "reflection of that principle," and Jesus Christ is but a "spiritual idea" sent forth from the one supreme mind, to become "the impersonal way-shower," who through His "seeming" death, and "seeming" resurrection, made a "seeming" atonement for the "seeming" sins of the people. And the real meaning of this "seeming" atonement is to be found in this sort of a declaration by Mrs. Eddy, "The efficacy of the crucifixion lay in the practical affections and goodness it demonstrated for man-kind."

If the sinner were real, and his sins were real, and a real judgment day was fast swinging into view, men and women would be in an appalling state, with only "an impersonal Savior," or "a disappearing incorporeal concept," with which to meet the awful issues of an unending eternity.

But turning again to the Christian Science schedule, how does this "spiritual idea" or this "disappearing incorporeal concept"—this "impersonal Savior" save? Let Mrs. Eddy answer.

"Final deliverance from error (and remember that sin is only an error to the Christian Scientist) is not reached by pinning one's faith without works to another's vicarious effort." Again she says, His (Christ's) consummate example was for the salvation of us all, through the healing works which He did."

Mind you it is the example of Christ which saves, and not His shed blood.

But the sinner knows that an "example" cannot take the load of sin from his heart.

The sinner knows that an "example" cannot wash away the dark past.

The sinner knows that an "example" cannot pay the penalty of a mis-directed life.

An "impersonal" Savior, who is only a beautiful ideal," whose only power to save is the power that is found in the excellent moral precepts that He gave, and the pure life that He lived; who is no longer the God-man, and not even a man; whose blood had no sacrificial atoning, or propitiatory power; who, in dying a "seeming" death, hastened that seeming death by predicting it; and who hid in the grave three days, pretending to be dead, is not the Savior of the four Gospels, or of Paul, or Peter, or James, or John.

The Christ of Christendom, through the power of whose name the whole world has been all but revolutionized, and under whose banner the blood bought and blood washed armies of His kingdom are marching on to greater contests, is not the ether-ealized, idealized, Christ of Christian Science.

According to Christian Science, it is not the blood of Christ which saves, but the example, mainly through the healing works which He did.

We need not sing "Jesus Paid It All, All to Him I Owe," for, according to Mrs. Eddy, "one sacrifice, however great, would be insufficient to pay the debt of sin."

Mind you, Mrs. Eddy teaches, "that the only reality of sin is the fact that it seems real to human belief," and further, "sin and the sinner alike are nothingness," and yet despite her contention that

sin does not exist, that it is "nothingness," she has the audacity to tell the world that the awful death of God's Son, on Calvary's cruel tree, could not be a sacrifice sufficiently great to pay the debt of sin.

THE RESURRECTION.

"Then opened He their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, 'thus it is written, and thus it behooves Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day.' " Luke 24:45-46.

"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have." Luke 24:39.

"The belief that material bodies return to dust, hereafter to rise up as spiritual bodies, with material sensations, is incorrect."—Mrs. Eddy.

"Warning people against death is an error."—Mrs. Eddy.

"When Jesus' students saw Him after His crucifixion, they learned He had not died."—Mrs. Eddy.

"The lonely precincts of the tomb gave Jesus a refuge from His foes," where "He met and mastered, on the basis of Christian Science, all the claims of medicine, surgery, and hygiene.—But it was not a supernatural act."—Mrs. Eddy.

"His disciples believed Jesus dead, while He was hidden in the sepulcher."—Mrs. Eddy.

"Now, if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen; and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." 1 Cor. 15:12-14.

“Jesus restored Lazarus by the understanding that Lazarus had never died.” Mrs. Eddy.

“Then said Jesus unto them, PLAINLY, LAZARUS IS DEAD. And he that was dead came forth.” John 11:14 and 44.

“Miracles are impossible in Science.” Mrs. Eddy.

“Then gathered the chief priests and Pharisees a council, and said, ‘what do we? For this man doeth many miracles.’ ” John 11:47.

Here as everywhere else, there is open warfare between the Word of God and the teachings of Christian Science. The Word of God teaches us that Jesus Christ died a real death on a real Cross, for real sins committed in a real body, in a real world, where humans live, suffer, sin, and die. Christian Science flatly contradicts all this, and teaches its followers that Christ is only an “idea,” sent forth from the “Supreme Mind,” to pass through a “seeming” death, and a “seeming” resurrection, to become a way-shower, who, through the “example” of an ideal life, brings men and women to realize their At-one-ment with the Supreme Mind.

In the Christian Science schedule, the cruel cross, the flowing blood, the broken body, with the awful havoc and woe wrought by that something called sin, must be forgotten.

“And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, ‘this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me’—‘this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.’ ” Luke 22:19-20.

In the early days of the Christian Science church, an imitation communion service was held, not as a communion service, but rather as a “morn-

ing meal," and in later years even that was done away with!

The passover which Jesus ate with His disciples, according to Mrs. Eddy, "was a mournful occasion, a sad supper, closing forever Jesus' ritualism, or concession to matter."

Again she says, "The spiritual meeting with our Lord in the dawn of a new light, is the morning meal which Christian Scientists commemorate."

"This do in remembrance of me," was the command of Jesus, but Christian Scientists must not meditate upon such a sad fact in the life of our Lord, so Mrs. Eddy over-rides the command of Jesus Christ and says it is better to forget this "sad supper, taken at the close of the day—with the shadows falling around."

Thus the whole subject of sin and the atonement and the resurrection are treated with sacrilegious contempt, and the Lord's prayer, by being relegated into the limbo of useless things to be substituted for with a parody sufficiently crude to make the devil blush.

To be true, the average convert to Christian Science is blind to the fact that the underlying teachings of Christian Science are so wholly out of harmony with every fundamental doctrine, which the church has held sacred.

The central teaching of Christian Science is that Christ did not die for the sins of the people, for there is no sin.

All the unreasoning hatred of the cohorts of hell centralizes and focalizes on the blood stained cross of Christ.

All the cunning of which hell is capable has ever been directed to the impossible task of obliterating Calvary.

“I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore,” says Christ,—and further, “I am the resurrection and the life!”

“Truth will be to us the resurrection, says Mrs. Eddy, “only as it destroys all error, and the belief that mind, the only immortality of man, can be fettered by the body.”

THE ASCENSION.

“Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go unto heaven.” Acts 1:11.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now it, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto resurrection of damnation.”

“Resurrection is ascending thought. Our Master appeared to His students, that is to their apprehension. He rose from the grave on the third day of His ascending thought, and so presented to them the certain sense of eternal life.” Mrs. Eddy.

“In His resurrection and ascension, Jesus showed that a mortal man is not the real essence of manhood, and that this unreal, material mortality disappears in the presence of reality.” Mrs. Eddy.

“The belief that material bodies return to dust, hereafter to rise up as spiritual bodies, with material sensations, is incorrect.” Mrs. Eddy.

When Mrs. Eddy speaks of the resurrection and the ascension of Jesus Christ, you must keep in

mind the sort of resurrection the Christian Scientist is asked to believe in, and the sort of an ascension that follows that "fake" resurrection.

The ascension of Jesus Christ is only the beautiful "ideal" sent forth from the "supreme mind," which becomes in the ascension, quoting Mrs. Eddy's exact language," an ascending thought."

"Behold I show you a mystery," says St. Paul. "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Cor. 15:51-52.

According to the Word of God, Jesus Christ died the death of the cross, and was buried, and on the third day the breath of God swept through the lifeless clay, and Christ arose from the dead. According to the Word of God, Christ appeared to a multitude of witnesses, in bodily form, demanding that the skeptical questioners handle Him, and see that the body was real, and with His disciples, He ate the morning meal at the sea of Tiberias, and in this glorified body, after forty days, He ascended into the heavenly world, from which He shall some day come to judge the quick and the dead. "Let not your heart be troubled," He exhorted His followers, for "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3.

Added to her denial of the crucifixion and the resurrection, and her absurd explanations, that the ascension of Jesus Christ was only "ascending

thought," she here again flatly contradicts the plain statement of Jesus Christ concerning heaven.

Heaven, Jesus Christ repeatedly affirmed, was a place which He and the Father were building for the faithful, and He left the comforting assurance that some of these days He would return to gather us into that heavenly place.

Over against these oft repeated statements of Jesus Christ, Mrs. Eddy throws her bold, bald denial, and she says, "Heaven is not a locality, but a divine state of mind."

"Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven," is the declaration of the inspired writer in 2nd Kings 2:11. But according to Mrs. Eddy, this declaration should read, "Elijah went up by a whirlwind into a divine state of mind."

"The Lord was received up into heaven," was the declaration of St. Mark. Mark 16:9.

But according to Mrs. Eddy, St. Mark should have said, "The Lord was received up into a divine state of mind."

And in saying this we do no violence to the teaching of Christian Science. For God is the Supreme Mind, and the only mind, and we and Christ alike are but reflections or ideas sent forth from the one Supreme Mind.

Sin, suffering, sorrow, and death, with the resurrection and the ascension, insofar as Jesus Christ was concerned, were only meaningless phrases, to be eliminated by the simplified declaration that the "beautiful idea," Jesus Christ, came forth from the Father, God, and passed through a seeming death and a seeming resurrection, to become the ascending idea, or ascending thought, to be swallowed up again in the divine mind.

And this, if you please, is the sort of a heaven

that Christian Science holds out to the world.

God is a principle, and God is all, and we are the reflection of that principle, and when the time comes for us to "pass," and we are set free from an imaginary body, we are swallowed up like Jesus Christ in this "alone God," this "only mind," this "all of good."

THE RETURN.

"Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him; and all kindred of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen." Rev. 1:7.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-angel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:16-17.

"The second appearance of Jesus is, unquestionably, the spiritual advent of the advancing idea of God in Christian Science." Mrs. Eddy.

This astounding statement is found on page ninety-six of her autobiography, while on page fifty-five of Science and Health, published in 1902, she says, in speaking of the Holy Spirit, "This comforter I understand to be Divine Science."

Not content with reducing the tragedy of Calvary to a joke, and the resurrection to a fake, and the ascension to an ascending thought, and heaven to a state of mind, Christian Science swings out to the farthest reaches of blasphemy in claiming that "it" is the Holy Ghost and that "it" is the second return of Jesus Christ.

In a later study we shall take up the question of the third person of the Trinity, and the Christian Science claim concerning Him, and for the present, we shall confine our study entirely to Jesus Christ and the Christian Science claim concerning Jesus Christ.

If it is true that Christian Science as we know it today, even at its best, is Jesus Christ returned to earth, then all must agree that Jesus Christ has undergone a heart-breaking change since He went away. In the long ago when Jesus walked amongst men, He never stood before a difficulty that He could not surmount, for with a word He opened the blind eyes, unstopped the deaf ear, cleansed the leper, healed the lame, and raised the dead.

Today, if Christian Science is Christ returned to earth, He has not alone returned as a Christ of limitations, but a Christ who stands as the most pitiable and far-reaching failure; the Christ who cannot open the blind eye, and who cannot unstop the deaf ear, and who cannot cleanse the leper, and who cannot heal the lame, and who cannot raise the dead.

Not alone is it true that if Christian Science be Christ, He has returned to earth a pathetic failure, but He has also changed into a manipulator, and a money grabber.

In the long ago, His instantaneous and wonderful cures were always without money and without price, while today His abortive attempts at healing, covering weary days and weeks and months of failure are always charged for at exorbitant figures.

Here, as everywhere else, the teachings of Christian Science are so unbelievably absurd and so shockingly blasphemous, that to those who are unblinded by this delusion, it is absolutely inconceivable.

ble that any sane man or woman could ever be converted to the Christian Science cult.

While Christian Scientists resent any such implications, and it is only natural that they should, to spiritual men and women everywhere, the conviction comes that the secret of the rapid growth of Christian Science and the secret of the loyalty of Christian Scientists to this movement is traceable wholly to the fact that this religion is inspired—inspired not from above, but from underneath. Christian Science is the result of human ingenuity, and human greed, plus something.

Christian Science is a supernatural religion, but supernatural from beneath.

“For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” Matt. 24:24.

“He doeth great wonders, so that He maketh fire to come down from heaven on the earth, in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth, by means of those miracles which he had power to do—and He had power to give life unto the image of the beast.” Rev. 13:13-15.

According to Christian Science, Jesus Christ is a way-shower who becomes a sort of a sign board pointing to the way; an incorporeal concept, who deceived the world in pretending to die, and who deceived the world in pretending to be dead; who after His seeming resurrection, left contradictory testimony; who became in His ascension an ascending thought; and who has returned to earth as the Christ of Science, copyrighted and sold to fools through the Christian Science church or machine.

Christian Science is a religion without a personal God.

Christian Science is a religion without a personal Christ.

Christian Science is a religion without a personal Comforter.

Christian Science is a religion without an inspired Bible.

Christian Science is a religion without a resurrection, without an ascension, and without a Lord and Savior for whom to look as the coming triumphant King.

Every fact of the Bible concerning Jesus Christ, is either etherealized, or flatly contradicted.

Rev. James Henry Wiggins

TALK NUMBER SIX

“Avoiding profane and vain babblings, and opposition of Science so called.” I. Timothy 6:20.

According to the oft repeated assertion of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy “Science and Health with a Key to the Scriptures,” was the work of her own hand, unaided by human suggestion and uncontaminated by human hypothesis.”

This book, Mrs. Eddy says, was revised as early as 1875, and yet in her preface to the 1908 edition she says that up to 1907, she had never read the book through consecutively in order to elucidate her idealism!

It is a matter of record that in 1885 the Rev. James Henry Wiggins, a Unitarian preacher became the literary advisor of Mrs. Eddy, and that year edited and rewrote her whole book.

In reporting the facts of this revision Georgine Milmine says: “The faulty spelling and punctuation could have been corrected readily enough, as well as the incorrect historical references and the misuse of words; but the whole work was so involved, formless, and contradictory that Mr. Wiggins put the manuscript aside and thought no more about it until he returned to Boston. When he saw Mrs. Eddy he told her he could do nothing by merely correcting her manuscript; that to improve it he would have largely to rewrite it. To his surprise she willingly consented.”

By taking a copy of Science and Health from

any of the first editions of the book up to the time that Mr. Wiggins whipped the mess into some semblance of form, one can readily understand something of the work he did, for the book after his re-writing, for the first time, bore some mark of literary excellence, and for the first time there was some degree of order in the arrangement of the chapters.

After four years' intimate association with Mrs. Eddy, Mr. Wiggins writes as follows concerning her and her book:

"Christian Science, on its theological side, is an ignorant revival of one form of ancient agnosticism, that Jesus is to be distinguished from the Christ, and that His earthly appearance was phantasmal, not real and fleshly."

"On its moral side, it involves what must follow from the doctrine that reality is a dream, and if a thing is right in thought, why right it is, and that sin is non-existent, because God can behold no evil. Not that Christian Science believers generally see this, or practice evil, but the virus is within..."

"As for the High Priestess of it, she is,...well I could tell you but not write. An awfully (I use the word advisedly), smart woman, acute, shrewd, but not well read, nor in any way learned. What she has as documents, clearly show, she got from P. P. Quimby, of Portland, Maine, whom she eulogized after his death as the great leader and her special teacher. She tried to answer the charge of the adoption of Quimby's ideas, and called me in to counsel her about it; but her only answer, (in print) was that if she said such things twenty years ago, she must have been under the influence of animal magnetism, which is her devil....much more could I say if you were here."

The above extracts are taken from a personal

letter written by Mr. Wiggins to a college friend, and in closing this rather extensive review and criticism of Mrs. Eddy and her religion, he says, "She does not care to have her paragraphs clear, and delights in so expressing herself that her words may have various readings and meanings. Really, that is one of the tricks of the trade. You know sibyls have always been thus oracular, to "keep the word of promise to the ear, and break it to the hope."

Mr. Wiggins certainly expresses the literal truth in branding the book as a concoction or combination of confusing contradictions.

From cover to cover, the book is rammed and crammed with laughable incongruities.

On one page "You see," and on the next page "You don't see."

On one page "It is," and on the next page "It isn't."

On one page "It does," and on the next page "It does not."

On one page "You are," and on the next page "You are not."

It is hocus-pocus, presto! and there it is!

Then hocus-pocus, presto! and where is it?

Here are a few choice bits of laughable contradictions gathered from this vast store house filled with second-hand goods, and cheap rubbish:

"A thorough perusal of the author's publications heals sickness."

"A man is incapable of sickness."

"Christian Science cries: 'Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sin and death.'"

"Man is incapable of sin and death."

"The author has healed hopeless disease and raised the dying to life and health."

“What is termed disease does not exist.”

“Man is never sick.”

“A man was made to believe that he occupied a bed where a cholera patient died. Immediately the symptoms of the disease appeared and the man died.”

“Man is deathless.”

“Any material evidence of death is false.”

“If it is true that man lives, this fact can never change in science to the opposite belief that man dies.”

Thus repeatedly and continuously and unmistakably Christian Science contradicts itself.

In several previous studies we have been taking up the question “Christian Science, is it Christian?”

Let us continue this study.

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

“Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come.” John 16:13.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father shall send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:26.

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you.” John 16:7.

He shall give you another Comforter, and this Comforter I understand to be Divine Science.” Mrs. Eddy.

“John the Baptist prophesied the coming of the

immaculate Jesus, and John saw in those days the spiritual idea as the Messiah who would baptize with the Holy Ghost—Divine Science.” Mrs. Eddy.

“The ego is revealed in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, but the full truth is revealed only in Divine Science—the Science of God, and man is the Holy Ghost.” Mrs. Eddy.

“All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.” Matt. 12:31.

“There may be those who having learned the power of unspoken thought, use it rather to harm than to heal, and who are using that power against Christian Scientists. THIS GIANT SIN IS THE SIN AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST SPOKEN OF IN MATTHEWS 12:31-32.” Mrs. Eddy.

Not alone did Mrs. Eddy claim that her Science, so-called, was the third person of the Trinity, but she further taught that to sneer at a Christian Scientist practitioner or teacher, was to sneer at the Holy Ghost, and laid one liable to the extent that one stood in danger of thus committing the unpardonable sin.

Since, however, Mrs. Eddy teaches that sin does not really exist and death does not really exist and no judgment awaits mortals, and the soul of man is never lost, but only the sense of sin is lost, one need not restrain himself when prompted to laugh at these goggle-eyed wood-peckers of the cult woods.

“And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered money, saying, give me this power that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, “Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought THAT THE

GIFT OF GOD MAY BE PURCHASED WITH MONEY." Acts 8:18-19-20.

Simon of Samaria lived nineteen centuries too soon!

Had he lived today he could have found people willing to sell him the Holy Ghost.

If Christian Science, as Mrs. Eddy claims, is the Holy Ghost, and to sneer at Christian Scientists is to commit the giant sin called the sin against the Holy Ghost, we must believe that God has seen fit to make Mrs. Eddy the sole custodian of the third person of the God-Head, and backed by the laws which man had made, Mrs. Eddy, by Divine appointment and lawful processes, has placed this Holy Ghost where none can know Him and none can know the touch of His healing presence, except as Mrs. Eddy portions Him out for a stipulated price!

Just the thought is so shockingly blasphemous that it seems wholly out of the realm of the possible that any religious fool anywhere would be so far unjointed mentally that he or she would swallow such rot!

But, the questions arise, do men and women know that Mrs. Eddy made such claims, and do they know that here is found the limits of blasphemy?

They should know, and ignorance here will not excuse them in the judgment.

At the beginning of her career as a religious charlatan, she charged a fee of \$100 for twelve lessons in how to use the Holy Ghost, and added to this \$100 the student was to pay her a royalty of ten per cent of his income when he had entered the field.

Experiencing more or less of difficulty in collecting this royalty from her absent practitioners, she finally dropped the royalty end of her program

and raised the fee for the twelve lessons to the exorbitant sum of \$300.

The latter day Simons came her way in such increasingly large numbers that she finally cut her lessons to seven, leaving the fee at \$300. With a class of 100 Simple Simons in an hour's lesson, Mrs. Eddy, the alleged custodian and retailer of the Holy Ghost, would pull down the handsome sum of \$4,000.

St. Peter cried out in indignation, protesting when Simon suggested paying a price for the power which the Holy Ghost conferred, saying, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if, perhaps, the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee, for I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity." Acts 8:22-23.

Had Simon lived today, he could have paid down his \$300 fee and received a few lessons in how to manipulate the Holy Ghost, with the legal right to use Him, and with this paid-for equipment, he could have gone out into the world to practice the so-called wonders of this power thus purchased, and for the demonstrations and manifestations characteristic of the cult enterprise, could have collected fees that would have made the initial fee of \$300 look like thirty cents.

Poor Simon! he lived and died too soon.

THE JUDGMENT, ETC.

When the Spirit of truth is come—He shall not speak of Himself. John 16:13.

"And when He is come He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of the Judgment." John 16:8.

"The Holy Spirit is Divine Science; the development of eternal life—Impersonal." Mrs. Eddy.

While Christian Science claims to be the Holy Spirit there are a hundred good and sufficient reasons why these claims are false.

Amongst the hundred and more we will mention only two, either of which is conclusive.

Christian Science is not the Holy Spirit, for Jesus says, "When He comes He shall not speak of Himself."

Christian Science does nothing but talk about itself.

The Christian Science machine, backed with unlimited finances, devotes its time, talents and tin to the laudation and exploitation of the Christian Science wares.

Again, Christian Science cannot be the Holy Spirit, for Jesus said, "When He is come He will reprove the world of sin."

The Holy Spirit comes to convince the world of its need of Christ and to convict the world of the heinousness of sin, and to further warn of the judgment that awaits the impenitent sinner.

Since the foundation teaching of Christian Science is that sin does not exist and no judgment awaits those who die in their sins, it is as plain as a pike staff that whatever Christian Science is, or is not, it is not the Holy Spirit.

"He will reprove the world of sin," says Jesus.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," says St. Paul.

"If we say we have no sin,—the truth is not in us," says St. John.

"In reality there is no evil, because soul is immortal, soul cannot sin." Mrs. Eddy.

"Man is incapable of sin." Mrs. Eddy.

"Sin and the sinner alike are nothingness." Mrs. Eddy.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9.

"Sin is not forgiven." Mrs. Eddy.

"Let the wicked forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord, and and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7.

"Asking God to pardon is a vain repetition such as the heathen use." Mrs. Eddy.

"And when He is come He will convince of Judgment." John 16:8.

"He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world." Acts 17:31.

It is appointed unto men once to die; but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27.

"NO FINAL JUDGMENT AWAITS MORTALS, for the judgment day of wisdom comes hourly and continuously." Mrs. Eddy.

"Perfection is gained only by perfection, they who are unrighteous shall be unrighteous still, until in Divine Science Christ, Truth, removes all ignorance of sin." Mrs. Eddy.

"Now," cried the apostle, "is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation," meaning, not that now is the time to prepare for a future life, but now is the time to experience salvation in spirit and in life. Now is the time for the so-called material pains and material pleasures to pass away, for both are unreal, because impossible to science." Mrs. Eddy.

If the apostle meant what Mrs. Eddy says he meant, why didn't the apostle say what she says?

If the apostle meant, "now is the time to put away material pains and pleasures," why in the

name of heaven didn't he say so?

"If your soul were in my soul's stead." Job 16:4.

"It is as improper to speak of souls as it is improper to speak of gods." Mrs. Eddy.

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

"It is the sense of sin, not the sinful soul that is lost." Mrs. Eddy.

"The soul that sinneth it shall die." Ezk. 18:4.

"The injunction, 'Believe—and thou shalt be saved!' demands self-reliant trustworthiness." Mrs. Eddy.

Now every Bible reader knows that these words were uttered by St. Paul to the trembling, convicted, light-seeking jailer, who had cried, "What must I do to be saved."

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," was the ringing challenge, which teaches and exhorts just the opposite of "self-reliant trustworthiness."

How appallingly unfortunate that these holy men of God with God's mighty truths burning in their hearts and minds, were unable to express within a thousand miles, the truths that they were seeking to give expression to.

How astoundingly fortunate are we, that at last, away down in the Twentieth Century a three-times-married, no-one-knows-how-many-times divorced, money-grabbing, place-seeking, hypocritical and blasphemous old woman has come, endowed with the marvelous insight into these time tested books, and that she is able to at last give the proper interpretation to these widely quoted and well known sayings, telling us that these writers got every thing bassackward, and that she, and she alone, can

enlighten the world as to what they were trying to say.

"The Holy Spirit will convict of sin," says Jesus.

"There is no sin," says Mrs. Eddy.

"The Holy Spirit will lead you to seek and find pardon for your sins," says Jesus.

"Sin is not pardoned," says Mrs. Eddy.

"The Holy Spirit will convince of judgment," says Jesus.

"There is no final judgment," says Mrs. Eddy.

"If he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul—what would he give in exchange for the soul?" Jesus asks.

"The soul is not lost." Mrs. Eddy announces.

ANGELS, DEVILS, ETC.

"Ye are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:44.

"I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Luke 10:18.

"Devil! a lie! error! neither corporeality nor mind! The opposite of truth." Mrs. Eddy.

"A lie is all the satan there is." Mrs. Eddy.

Jesus always uses the personal pronoun in speaking of the devil and brands him not alone as a liar, but as being the father of liars. Mrs. Eddy says the devil is not a person, but a lie is all the devil there is.

"The devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, and saith unto

Him, all these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, get thee hence satan." Matt. 4:8-9-10.

"God, Good, being ever present, it follows in divine logic that evil, the suppositional opposite of good, is never present." Mrs. Eddy.

"Beloved, believe not every Spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." 1st John 4:1.

"God is the only spirit." Mrs. Eddy.

"Evil hath no reality, it is neither person, place or thing." Mrs. Eddy.

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, was He tempted from within or from without?

If from within, there must have been evil in Him!

If from without, there must be a personal devil.

"There met Him two possessed of devils—they cried out, 'What have we to do with thee, Jesus thou Son of God?'—so the devils besought Him saying, if thou cast us out." Matt. 8:28-29-30-31.

Here, it is a matter of divine record that devils recognized the Son of God and prayed to Him and He answered their prayers.

Some folk, apart from the Science cult, would have us believe that the devils spoken of in Bible times were not real living, walking, talking devils, but only devils of habit that bound and destroyed.

To be true, there are men who are possessed with a devil of greed!

To be true, there are men who are possessed with a devil of lust!

To be true, there are men who are possessed with a devil of intemperance!

To be true, there are men who are possessed with a devil of infidelity!

And if the records are to be believed, Mrs. Eddy

was evidently possessed with a devil of a bad temper, and a devil of a long tongue!

These were not, however, the devils with which Jesus dealt!

These devils of Bible times and of all times, may manifest themselves, and do, in greed, lust, gambling, lying, drinking and every other mean, dishonest and disreputable tendency, but these are only their manifestations.

With the devil, Mrs. Eddy does just what she does with God, reduces a person to a thing.

"God is love," says Jesus.

"Love is God," says Mrs. Eddy.

"The devil is a liar," says Jesus.

"The devil is a lie," says Mrs. Eddy.

Changing from the question of evil spirits to heavenly messengers we have the same flat contradiction of the Word of God.

"Then the devil leaveth Him and angels came and ministered to Him." Matt. 4:11.

"And the angel said unto them, fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." Luke 2: 10.

"My God hath sent the angel and hath shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me." Daniel 6:22.

"He saw in a vision, evidently about the ninth hour, an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius." Acts 10:3.

"Angels—are they not all ministering spirits?" Heb. 1:13-14.

"Angels are divine ministrations, not messengers nor persons." Mrs. Eddy.

"Angels are PURE THOUGHTS from God winged with truth and love." Mrs. Eddy.

The Christian Science bible, revised to meet the

Christian Science conception concerning angels, would read after this fashion:

“Then the devil, which is a lie, left Him and some beautiful thoughts came and ministered unto Him.”

“And the angel, which was a beautiful thought, said unto them, fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.”

“And there appeared a beautiful thought unto Him from heaven strengthening Him.”

“God hath sent a beautiful thought and shut the lions’ mouths and they have not hurt me.”

“He saw in a vision, evidently about the ninth hour, a beautiful thought from God, coming to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.”

“Angels, are they not all beautiful thoughts?”

Ad libitum, ad nauseum!

Is It Scientific?

TALK NUMBER SEVEN

“Avoid profane and vain babblings and opposition of Science, so-called.” I Timothy 6:20.

“He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him. Pro. 18:17.

“The notion of a material universe is utterly opposed to the theory of men as evolved by mind.” Mrs. Eddy.

“Both the material senses and their reports are unnatural, impossible and unreal.” Mrs. Eddy.

Material life, with all its sin, sickness and death, is an illusion against which Divine Science is engaged in a war of extermination.” Mrs. Eddy.

In the opening pages of every book, having to do with the science of geometry, there are certain well known axioms, such as:

“A straight line is the shortest distance between two points.”

“The whole is equal to the sum of its parts.”

“If equals are added to equals the sums are equal.”

These well known axioms contain self-evident truths, and to ask for a demonstration to substantiate their truth would be to confess ourselves mental weaklings, incapable of grasping surface facts. The science of geometry is constructed upon these self-evident truths, so, too, with all science, into whatever realm or sphere one may step. No combination of theories, however attractive they may

look, can by any stretch of the imagination be accepted as a science until those theories have been tested out on the anvil of human investigation and demonstration, and been systematically arranged around certain well defined and accepted principles.

Christian Science announces itself to the world as a science, but does this mere announcement validate the claim?

Is Christian Science Scientific?

We speak of the rational faculty, in the exercise of which we reach certain inferences from certain premises, which eventually combine into certain clearly defined axioms—axioms by which our conduct for everyday life is gauged!

For instance, we know that fire will burn, and water will drown, and cold will freeze, and strychnine will kill, and that to exist physically we must feed these physical bodies on certain wholesome, life-sustaining foods.

Now these statements are self-evident truths—axioms found on every page of the book of human experience.

Over against these and all other axioms of human experience, Christian Science enters a flat denial! Christian Science is not alone teaching its devotees that fire does not burn, and water does not drown, and cold does not freeze, and poison does not kill, but these things are illusions—created and given power by that havoc-working something called “Mortal Mind.”

“If a dose of poison is swallowed through mistake, and the patient dies, even though patient and physician are expecting favorable results, does belief, you ask, cause this death? Even so, and as directly as if the poison had been taken intentionally.”
Mrs. Eddy.

"Only as mortal mind endows the poison does it operate." Mrs. Eddy.

"The property of alcohol is to intoxicate, but if the common thought of the majority endowed it with nourishing quality, like milk, it would produce the same effects milk produces." Mrs. Eddy.

According to Christian Science then, fire and water and alcohol and strychnine have power over the bodies of men because a majority of minds have combined to vote them that power, but the question naturally comes, when and where and how did these non-existent substances and fluids get a majority vote to start them on their destructive ways?

"Food neither strengthens or weakens the body, yet until a more perfect day of understanding it would be foolish to give up eating." Mrs. Eddy.

To be sure, and Mrs. Eddy's followers will postpone any and all attempts of living without food, until "that more perfect day."

Any fool who attempts to exist without feeding the much ridiculed body, would end in a religious fool being ushered into a more perfect day, or into a day that was several degrees less perfect.

While Christian Scientists tell much about the foundation facts of his science, these facts, when examined, prove to be nothing more and nothing less than the wildest of speculations, and these speculations the Scientist would not dare to undertake to put into daily practice, on penalty of being incarcerated in the bug-house.

To become a Christian Scientist, a Scientist would have to repudiate every foundation fact on which the whole world of science is constructed, and no Scientist could do that, without first asking his reason to abdicate the throne.

No Scientist ever has been or ever will be a

Christian Scientist! Every ship that swings out to sea must be provided with chart, compass, and helm, and the captain of that vessel must understand that two vessels cannot travel in opposite directions of precisely the same course without getting into trouble, and so, too, with all men and women on the ocean of life.

Whether we be of the world most worldly, a materialist of the materialist's, or of the heavens most heavenly, a visionary and an idealist, we must all have our chart, compass and helm, and must all, whatever our metaphysics, adhere undeviatingly to certain well defined laws that govern this earthly voyage!

In "profession," the Christian Scientist renounces all the claims that this material world makes upon him, but in "practice," he, as did his beloved founder, bows in meekest submission to them all.

This hodge-podge called Christian Science, can by no stretch of the imagination be considered scientific.

Christian Science is a dream world constructed for a circle of dreamers who love to speculate on eternal issues, who love to skim the surface of things.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE VERSUS NATURAL SCIENCE.

"God thundereth marvelously with His voice; great things doeth He which we cannot comprehend." Job 37:5.

"All sensible phenomena are merely subjective states of mortal mind. If God is Spirit and God is

all, surely there can be no matter." Mrs. Eddy.

Vertebrates, articulates, mollusks and radiates are simply what mind makes them, while repulsion, attraction, cohesion and power supposed to belong to matter, are constituents of the mind." Mrs. Eddy.

"The so-called destructive forces of matter, and the ferocity of man and beast are animal beliefs." Mrs. Eddy.

"Electricity is not a vital fluid, but the least material form of illusive consciousness." Mrs. Eddy.

According to Christian Science, the physical forces of nature do not exist, in fact, but rather they have come to exist in fancy, through the fact that Mortal Mind has created them and gather about them certain imagined properties and powers.

Volcanic eruptions, cyclones, avalanches, fires, floods, winds, thunder and lightning, are all the fantastic caperings of that shocking "cut-up" called the Mortal Mind.

What a frolicsome lad he is!

Now, if, as Christian Science teaches, "Electricity is not a vital fluid, but the least material form of illusive consciousness," we will wager an Arkansas goat farm against a plugged three-cent piece that no Christian Scientist can handle that "illusive" and least "vital" fluid without waking up on the back-door-step of the great where-is-it!

Again, if as Mrs. Eddy taught the "ferocity of beasts," is only animal belief, the ostrich certainly has the bright idea, for when he sees the ferocious lion walking over the landscape, he proceeds to wipe the lion from his "belief" pad by sticking his empty head in the shifting sands!

The Bible teaches us that God created the heavens and the earth, and that by His omnipotence

and His omniscience He holds the planets in their mazy waltz.

This earth, we know, is governed by certain fixed laws, and by tracing out those laws, we can predict with absolute assurance, just when the sun will rise one hundred years from today, and at what time the moon will full one hundred years from today, and at what time the tides will rise and fall one hundred years from today. Now if all this phenomena were the creation of Mortal Mind, the sun would not rise and the tide would not ebb and flow, and the eclipse would not come as men predict, for it is certain, that a majority of minds have not united to vote an eclipse at a stated period of time, nor has a majority of minds monkeyed with the sun and moon and tides, much less have they agreed when to have them perform!

Seventy-five million stars, or suns, have been counted, and some of them, it is estimated, are a hundred thousand times larger and a hundred thousand times hotter than our sun.

If our little earth were to swing as close to old Canopus as it swings to our sun, the heat would be so great that our earth would instantly vaporize.

Eight billions of one kind of bacteria can find room in a space equal to a pin head, and these eight billions of bacteria no more merge into each other than eight billion blades of grass merge into each other. These are amongst a few of the wonderful discoveries of the scientific world.

Christian Science wipes the slate clear by announcing all these supposed findings of science as only illusions of a mortal mind, a mortal mind which not alone parades before us a world that is unreal, but a mortal mind that is itself, non-existent and unreal!

Science tells us that a certain amount of oxygen combined with a certain amount of hydrogen produces a liquid something called water. Christian Science says the oxygen-idea combined with the hydrogen-idea, produces an illusion called the water-idea.

Mortal mind, says the Scientist, which creates this water-idea, also creates the theory that man must drink of that water-idea or die, when as a matter of fact, the water-idea, the bodily-idea, and the thirst-idea, are all unreal and impossible.

But, nevertheless, Christian Scientists drink of that idea, and when they fall into it, they drown, unless, they happen to have big ears. In that event the wind gets behind the ears, and blows them to land!

Science tells us that a combustible body ignited and heated to redness becomes fire, and that to bring ourselves in too close touch with that something called fire, is to suffer more or less of inconvenience or pain.

Christian Science tells us that fire, like water, is only a condition of mind, and has power only as mind delegates it power.

However, it is a certain shot, that if you were to take a bunch of the most devout of Christian Scientists and throw them into the fiery furnace through which the three Hebrew children passed, all you would ever get out would be some buttons, hair-pins and buckles!

A little boy was crossing the pasture with his Christian Science mother, when a Billy Goat came snorting up ready to enter the "butter" business!

The little boy began to whimper and hang to his mother's clothes. "Son," said the mother sternly, "I am ashamed of you! You are a Christian Scientist! Don't you know that that Billy Goat can't

butt you?" "Ye-ye-ye-yes-um," said the boy, "bubububut, Mama, I-I-I, am afraid the Billy Goat don't know it!"

There is the trouble in the complicated system, the fool Billy Goat don't know a Scientist sprout from any other sort of a sprout, and he butts seventeen kinds of daylight out of the offspring of the Scientist just as he unhinges the calm possessions of any other mother's son.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE VERSUS MENTAL SCIENCE.

"Whatsoever things are true—Think On These Things." Phil. 4:8.

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Pro. 23:7.

"Health is not a condition of matter but of Mind—the five senses are enemies—the knowledge obtained from corporeal senses leads to sin and death." Mrs. Eddy.

"The belief that pain and pleasure, life and death, holiness and unholiness mingle in man is fatal error—the less mind there is manifested in matter the better." Mrs. Eddy.

Some of the most tremendous forces with which men have to do are the forces that are invisible and imponderable! Namely: electricity, chemical affinity, atmospheric pressure and gravitation.

Of these silent, mighty forces we know practically nothing.

We have seen the hand of electricity as flashing out through the storm cloud, it shattered trees or buildings, and we know that that force, harnessed and controlled, moves our cars, lights our homes

and turns the wheel of our mill, but how it comes, and how it goes, and how it flows along the wire, we know not.

We have come to know that through the attraction of gravitation the planets are held in their orbits, and with more than clock-like precision they swing to the music of nature's orchestra, but the whence and the how of the attraction of gravitation we don't know! So with most of the unseen forces that operate around us and over us.

Back of electricity and back of chemical affinity and back of atmospheric pressure and back of gravitation there stands a power, likewise unseen, intangible, and imponderable, a power that is more mighty than all of these, and the unseen, indefinable force or power, is called THOUGHT. That which controls is certainly greater than that which is controlled, and while we know practically nothing about the mysteries and the powers of these silent forces called electricity, chemical affinity, atmospheric pressure and gravitation, the thoughts of man have harnessed them, and they are made to do the bidding of man.

Like electricity and like gravitation, we know not where thought has its home, how it operates, whence it cometh, or whither it goeth, but by our thinking we master worlds, and by our thinking we decide the destinies of the race!

St. Paul exhorts the Philippian converts to think the truth, honesty, justice, purity, loveliness and things of good report, because he knew that by our thinking we become our own architects and by our thinking we become our own builders, and by our thinking we land in heaven or hell.

Now, Christian Science does what many another cult movement does, it takes one great truth of the

Bible, THE POWER OF MIND OVER MATTER—Mental Science, and gathering about this one mighty truth a world of theory, fancy and fraud, announces itself to the world as a special revelation, containing the only way of life, and with a founder that is the very oracle of God—infallible and Divine.

St. Paul says to think the truth is to live the truth, therefore think the truth.

Certainly in the realm of morals as we think we are!

Christian Science says, "Mind is all, matter is non-existent, and as you think you are, mentally, morally, physically and spiritually."

Christian Science not only negates sin, sickness and death, but it negates man—leaving him less than a selfless shadow!

"There is but one Spirit, because there is but one Infinite." Mrs. Eddy.

"Man is the idea of God—he is above mortal frailty." Mrs. Eddy.

"Man is God's reflection, needing no cultivation, but ever beautiful and complete." Mrs. Eddy.

"There is but one primal cause, therefore there can be no effect from any other cause." Mrs. Eddy.

"God could never impart an element of evil, and man possesses nothing which he has not received from God." Mrs. Eddy.

Here again Christian Scientists profess one thing but practice another, for they teach that the mind is all, and the body with its sensations are only illusions, yet when they see an illusory railroad locomotive coming down an illusory railroad track, and they chance to be standing on that illusory track, they make haste to get that illusory body off of that illusory railroad, and they do this, because they know if they do not, that illusory train will smear up

the adjacent landscape with arms, legs and things.

Oleson was telling the story of the death of his friend, who, when a train passed, came back on the track to meet his friend, who had stepped down the embankment, as he thought, on the other side.

Oleson looked everywhere and his friend was gone. He started down the track and came across a leg of his friend, and further on he found an arm, and later here was his head, and Oleson stopped, threw up his hands and cried, "Great guns, something must have happened to Peterson."

Evidently, and whether Peterson was a Christian Scientist, or just an ordinary mortal, the results of such a collision usually result fatally.

We understand that certain of the Science Cult are making effort to pare down and compromise the hard negations of their beloved leader, and they would have us understand that Mrs. Eddy meant to teach that placed over against the eternal verities the temporal, or the material, was transitory, or non-existent, but in seeking to thus interpret Mrs. Eddy they are overlooking the fact that they claim for her plenary authority, and that she herself claimed to speak as the very oracle of God.

"All material life is self-evident falsehood. There is no material law that creates or governs man, or that man should obey; obedience to the spiritual law is all that God requires, and this law abrogates matter." Mrs. Eddy.

"How are we to escape from flesh, or mortality? By understanding that we never were flesh, that we are spirit and not matter." Mrs. Eddy.

Christian Science has had its home in India for thousands of years, but there it is known as an acosmistic or world-denying pantheism!

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE VERSUS COMMON SENSE.

“Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” James 1:14-15.

“Some time it will be learned that mind constructs the body, and with its own materials. Hence no breakage or dislocation can really occur. Material life, with all its sin, sickness and death is an illusion! Every sort of sickness is a degree of insanity; that is, sickness is always hallucination.” Mrs. Eddy.

Hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting, feeling are the channels through which we become intelligently related to the great world of material reality in which we live.

Apart from these five senses, for this life at least, man would be worse than a pauper, and of all pitiable things, the most pitiable.

In the opening pages of the book of every man's life there are written down in indelible inks the axioms that have been constructed through years of experience—axioms that could never have been built, except through the multiplied sensations that have come through the five channels, hearing, seeing, tasting, smelling and feeling!

Christian Science not alone repudiates any and all conclusions reached by multiplied millions, through the five senses, but Christian Science teaches that these five senses are our mortal enemies and are to be feared, as we fear the disasters to which their false testimony leads. Here again, it is a repudiation with no evidence to substantiate!

To be true, Mrs. Eddy suggests that there was a time when men concluded that the world was flat,

and this conclusion was reached through the testimony of the senses, she says:

“If man’s ipse dixit as to the stellar system is correct, this is because science is true, and the evidence of the senses false.”

But here Mrs. Eddy shows her unfortunate faculty of skimming over the surface of things, just as she skims the surface everywhere else where more than surface investigation is required.

If man’s ipse dixit as to the stellar system is correct, how was that positive opinion formed if not through the further investigation, or use of the senses?

Apart from the testimony that the five senses gave, man could have never known that the world was round, and that it swung through space?

Here again you run into the entanglements of Christian Science contradiction—the hopeless antagonisms of its so-called philosophy!

The earth, after all, is neither flat nor round, for the earth does not exist.

God is mind, and the only mind, and that mind fills all space, and there is no place for anything but this God-mind, and to this God-mind there is no sin, sickness or death, and no material world or material body!

As an explanation of what seems real to the human family, Mrs. Eddy says there is a “Mortal Mind,” and this mortal mind creates all these illusions.

Now, Mrs. Eddy says, God, the Immortal Mind has no knowledge of this “Mortal Mind” and its attendant evils, and yet she says God inspired her to teach the “Mortal Mind” theory as an explanation of evil!

“Mortal Mind” did not create sin, but sin cre-

ated the "Mortal Mind," and repeatedly and unconditionally, we are assured by Christian Science that sin is nothingness.

Sin, which is nothingness, created the "Mortal Mind" which is nothingness, and the Mortal Mind creates in turn, sin, sickness and death—which likewise are nothingness.

Man is living in a starless night of awful illusions, and the question comes, how was this night created, or when and how was this kingdom of error built?

It could not come from God, for God knows nothing of darkness, sin, sickness and death, and did he know, He could not have created anything so unlike Himself.

It could not come from man, for man is the reflection of God and incapable of sin.

It could not come from man's falling away from God, for according to the Christian Science guide book, man is, and has been, and will ever be, eternally perfect, and even if he were not perfect, Christian Science teaches that God is sole cause and sole creator, and this bars man out as an agency for the creation of error.

Christian Science tries to prove that the "Mortal Mind" is the cause of the world's sorrow, and then, proves, or tries to prove, that "Mortal Mind" does not exist.

Christian Science teaches that it has power to cure all diseases, and raise men and women from the jaws of death, and then undertakes to prove that sin, sickness and death are a form of insanity, or an illusion of this Mortal Mind that has no existence.

Christian Science is mental hallucination, in which one must not alone renounce his five senses, but give an indefinite furlough to his common senses.

The less mind you use in matter the better it will be for your constitution, according to Christian Science.

As an argument to prove that we have too much sense, Mrs. Eddy says, "When an unthinking lobster loses his claw, it grows again. If the science of life were understood, it would be found that the senses of mind (immortal mind), are never lost, and that matter has no sensations. Then the human limb would be replaced as readily as the lobster's claw—not with an artificial limb, but with a genuine one." In other words the lobster grows a leg because he has no mind, and if we had no mind like the lobster we too could grow a leg to replace the one lost, but who in Sam Hill would want to be a lobster?

Here again the argument does not hold shucks, much less water, for certainly there is no animal that walks or crawls or breathes or bawls that has less sense than a sheep, and yet when you cut off his little anecdote (anecdote is a little tail) this little appendage does not sprout and grow again.

Not alone does the argument break down, but here again Christian Science crosses wires and contradicts itself, for after wading through page after page of cheap ridicule and cheaper argument to prove the absolute nothingness of matter, we are here naively told that if we had less mind, we could grow a leg, not an ARTIFICIAL LEG, but a GENUINE ONE!

And, so-called intelligent men and women have the effrontery to call this hodge-podge a science!

Scientific is it?

Well, hardly.

Does It Heal?

TALK NUMBER EIGHT.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father.” John 14:12.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; and they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.” Mark 16:15-16-17-18.

Upon these two passages of scripture the Christian Scientist undertakes to build his structure.

Christian Science, so the Christian Scientist teaches, is the literal fulfillment of these two promises.

“Greater works than these shall ye do—go ye into all the world—these signs shall follow them that believe.”

It is possible, probably, for some religionists to claim too much!

Jesus Christ opened the blind eye, and unstopped the deaf ear and healed the lame and cleansed the leper and cast out devils and raised the dead, and always with a word, followed by instantaneous results!

Certainly Jesus could not have had reference to physical healing when he made the promise, "greater works than these shall ye do," for there are no greater works in physical healing, than those Jesus wrought.

Then, too, if Jesus Christ here had reference to the healing of the body it is as plain as a pike staff that Christian Science is not the fulfillment of that promise.

An old darkey preacher got his theology mixed and delivered himself of the following reminder: "Bredern, Jesus Christ op'nd de deef eye, and unstop de blin' ye'r, and cleanse de lame and heal de leper and cas' out de deead an raise de debel."

Christian Science can "cast out the dead," and "raise the devil," but when it comes to the deaf eye and the blind ear, it stands an impotent, impious, impudent, imposter!

Again, while Christian Science claims to be the fulfillment of the commission and the promise of Christ, in that it is going forth with these "signs following," through the healing of the sick, it is very careful to refer to the healing of the sick and to the healing of the sick only.

If Christian Science were the literal fulfillment of these promises then Christian Science would cast out devils, talk in new tongues, drink deadly poison, handle poisonous serpents, as well as heal the sick, and if Christian Science were true, in the least of its claims, the handling of deadly serpents, drinking death dealing poison, and talking in new tongues would be just as natural and a whole lot more common than the healing of the body, about which they talk so much!

Why not claim it all?

To what did Jesus Christ refer when He gave

the assurance, "Greater works than these shall ye do; because I go unto My Father," and has that promise ever had a literal fulfillment?

Certain facts need to be clearly understood and then these questions are easily answered.

To those who seek to know all the truth concerning the mission of Jesus to earth, nothing is plainer than that whatever Jesus did or did not come into the world for, it was not primarily for the healing of the body.

"The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost," is the declaration of our Lord recorded in Luke 19:10.

While Jesus Christ healed men of their physical infirmities, the healing of the body was made one of the many avenues of approach to the soul.

Repeatedly and most specifically, our Lord taught that the body was a minor affair after all, and that it was not the body that needed attention, but that which dwelt in the body.

"And I say unto you, my friends, be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn whom ye shall fear; fear Him, which after He hath killed hath power to cast into hell." Luke 12:4-5.

"And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell." Mark 9:43.

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt. 16:26.

Jesus evidently sought to teach the church, and the world, that one soul was of greater importance to the Divine scheme of the ages than a whole world of so-called physical cures.

"Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedi-

ent for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you." John 16:7.

"And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John 16:8.

"And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me." Acts 1:4.

In obedience to the command of Christ, these men and women gathered in the upper chamber, and after ten days of waiting the dispensation of the Holy Spirit was ushered in.

If ever a man was guided unerringly by the Spirit of God, it must have been St. Peter, who now stands to deliver the first message of this wonderful dispensation—this dispensation in which billions were to live and die.

This is the day toward which Jesus had pointed His disciples through the few short years of His earthly ministry, and this was the fulfillment of the promised gift—the Holy Ghost.

Now, then, what did St. Peter preach?

The nothingness of matter and the impossibility of physical pain?

Did he preach the Holy Spirit, given of God, for the curing of warts and bunions and in-growing toe nails?

As a matter of fact, he does not refer to the healing of the body at all, but preaches with soul afire, the one supreme fact of our religion, **JESUS CHRIST WHO SAVES FROM SIN!**

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins," and under the convincing, convicting, converting, power of the Holy Ghost, they "were pricked in

their hearts," and cried out, "Men and brethren what must we do," and three thousand were swept into the kingdom of God.

"Greater works than these shall ye do," was the promise of Jesus, and here, in the first service, after the Holy Ghost came, the followers of Christ had more conversions than Jesus had had in the three and a half years of His ministry, and here this promise of Christ had a literal fulfillment.

Christian Science, with its farcial failures in so-called physical cures, has the brazen audacity to claim to be the literal fulfillment of this promise of Jesus!

PHYSICAL SUFFERING.

"Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer." Luke 24:46.

"For hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered for us leaving us an example, that we should follow in His steps." Peter 2:21.

"If so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:17-18.

Physical suffering is the common lot of our common humanity!

These bodies of ours, whatever our philosophy concerning life, carry with them more or less of discord and pain, and to seek to escape the limitations and infirmities which these material bodies bring, by denying their material existence, is as impossible as the attempt to run from our shadow.

To deny the facts of the body does not get us a divorce from the body, and whatever our peculiar

belief, no train can run fast enough and no boat can sail far enough, to carry us away from physical suffering and physical death!

Thousands of men and women are seeking for the panacea—for the catholicon, that will forever banish every ill to which the human flesh is heir, and from amongst these, again and again, the cry has gone up, "Eureka! Eureka!" but when the honest investigator has come along with the "acid test," the so-called discovery panned out to be the revarnished pieces of some old discarded philosophy, buried ages ago.

Christian Science can very properly be located in this catagory.

What is true in Christian Science is so old it has whiskers rolled up on a windlass, and what is new is not true.

Mental therapeutics, under one head or another, has been practiced in the world for ages, and this phase of Christian Science is as old as the hills, but Christian Science, as a so-called Spiritual Science, with the nothingness of matter and the impossibility of pain, with a Christ "Idea" and a "Principle" God, is a conglomerate concoction of ancient and modern fancy and falsehood.

Christian Science does not offer better methods for the handling of these bodily ills, nor greater strength to bear them, but rather it offers deliverance from pain, through mental oblivion.

It offers peace by taking mind opiates, and mind opiates, if over-done, will have a bad re-action.

Under the magic spell of this new religion, multitudes have claimed the most wonderful of cures, and have professed to receive herculean strength of body as well as spiritual life, but immunity from physical ills they found had not been given, and de-

spite their claims to the contrary, disease laid its clammy hand upon them and the silent reaper put in his hook, and they were gone!

Human suffering is real—as real as life!

Christ suffered, and St. Paul suffered and St. Peter suffered, and down through all the ages, the purest and the best men and women that this world has ever known, have often been those who knew most of the pangs and the pains that come in the fiery furnace of physical infirmity.

King David announces to the world his thankfulness in being refined by the fires of affliction, while the righteous Job, while lying upon the earth, covered with sores, cries, “I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now I see Thee face to face.”

Face to face Job saw God, but that vision came while passing through great physical suffering.

Multitudes whose lives float out to the world like sweet rosaries, would have never had the vision had it not come while lying on beds of pain.

There is a ministry of affliction just as there is a ministry of the Holy Spirit.

“Would God I had never been made,” cried a suffering Christian, and a brother Christian sitting by who had been through the fires and refined in the process, said, “Friend, that is just it. You are not made—God is making you, and you are rebelling at the process.”

The alabaster box contained precious ointment, but the ointment could not be used until the box was broken, and then when the box was broken, the ointment filled all the house with its sweet perfumes.

Some times the body is the box that God must take and God must break!

Some sing best after the heart is broken.

Some people live best after the family circle is broken.

Some people pray best and preach best and serve best after having been passed through the refining fires of disappointment, adversity, treachery and physical pain.

St. Paul had power to heal and yet he bore through life his "thorn in the flesh."

Doubtless an affliction of the eyes—nearly blind, and St. Paul prayed earnestly, once, twice, thrice, that this thorn might be removed, and God as much as said, "St. Paul, I know you. It is better that you keep the thorn and that I give you grace to bear it, than that you be without the thorn and without the grace."

St. Paul carried this infirmity through all the years, as a "thorn" that humbled and humiliated, and yet as an agency of correction and power, and the time finally came when looking upon this infirmity he could say, "Most gladly therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

If I believed, as Christian Scientists do, that Mrs. Eddy was the feminine representation of God, bringing a more perfect revelation of the Father than Jesus brought, who brought the masculine idea, or ideal, and that Mrs. Eddy deserves rank and place alongside Jesus of Nazareth, (and most assuredly I don't believe such rot), I would have to ponder a world of facts pointing to the contrary, not to believe that Mrs. Eddy got this so-called vision while in the furnace of physical pain.

According to her own testimony no saint or near saint, or far saint, ever suffered more than this alleged feminine representation of God!

She was married three times, and heaven knows

that was enough to fit her for the martyr's crown or the bug house!

These several husbands of this much married woman, also suffered, don't forget that.

Their daily occupation, it seems, was that of swinging and rocking this nervous, excitable, irritable, explosive piece of human clay, that, according to the Eddyite, was destined under God, to eventually occupy as exalted a place in the affections of men and the affairs of the world as Jesus Christ.

A twice married woman was tongue-lashing her second venture and wound up with "Oh, why did God take my first husband and send you to me?" and the subdued husband said, "possibly it was because God was sorry for your first husband and had it in for me."

Mentally and physically, Mrs. Eddy suffered all her days, and finally passed the way of all the earth, having to succumb to the ravages of disease and death, just as other men and women have had to surrender to their last enemies and go their way.

PHYSICAL HEALING.

"And they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mark 16:18.

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick." James 5:14-15.

"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, himself took our infirmities, and bare our sickness." Matt. 8:17.

Undoubtedly the Word of God most specifically teaches us that the healing of the body comes within the realm of prayer, and that the Christian is to

pray about the body as well as the soul.

However, he is not to pray, "Cleanse us from all our iniquities" and "heal us of all our diseases," getting the idea that these two widely separated goals are to be realized in the same hour and in the same work.

Here is where multitudes become confused and confounded.

Sickness was included in the atonement as sin was included in the atonement, but not in the same sense, or on the same conditions.

Sin is a God-smitten monster that wrecked Eden and slew Christ, and sin must be put away—the last and the least remains of sin.

Sickness is the common lot of man, and while it is God's will sometimes to heal, it is often God's will to teach through affliction, and in instances such as this affliction must work out its ministry in the life, and however earnest the prayers offered for healing, the miracle of healing will not be realized.

Men and women who teach that sickness was included in the atonement in the same sense that sin was included in the atonement, must necessarily teach that sickness is not alone an evidence of lack of faith, but more, it is evidence of unsundered sin.

Some go even further than this, and teach that all sickness is of the devil, and whoever suffers, suffers because the devil is in them. If this were true, then Jesus and St. Paul and St. Peter were devil possessed.

Does God sometimes raise from the bed of pain, and the jaws of death those for whom prayer is offered, and do men and women possess the gift of healing today as in the first days of the Christian church?

God, evidently, has seen fit to bestow healing faith in ever diminishing quantities, until today, it seems, very few are called to deal specifically and wholly with the ills to which the body falls heir.

That men and women are raised today, in certain isolated cases, is my firm conviction, but when God works the miracle of healing it is in answer to the prayer of faith, offered by those who believe in the atoning merits of the blood of Jesus Christ, and the cure is instantaneous and complete.

Do men and women dishonor God in calling a physician to their bedside when suffering, and do they dishonor God by using the materials that the medical world has pronounced beneficial in handling certain diseases?

Most emphatically, I would answer in the negative!

Mrs. Eddy says, "When there were fewer doctors and less thought was given to sanitary subjects, there were better constitutions and less disease."

This declaration is only in keeping with a hundred other declarations that were based on ignorance or deception.

The ravages of cholera, small pox, yellow fever and a score of other appallingly destructive plagues, that have threatened at times the whole race, have by scientific research, sanitation and medical treatment, been all but completely eradicated.

St. Paul carried with him "St. Luke, the beloved physician."

Jesus Christ speaks of the "Good Samaritan," who, going down to Jericho, found the wounded traveler lying on the ground, bruised and bleeding, having been left for dead by a band of thieves.

Jesus represents the Good Samaritan as binding

up the wounds of the bleeding, suffering man, pouring in soothing oil, and ends the story with the wounded man safely located in an inn, with assurance that whatever the expense, the Good Samaritan will gladly pay.

Medical practice in the days of Christ must have been crude enough, but whatever else Christ did or did not do, He did not repudiate and ridicule the profession.

Mrs. Eddy teaches her practitioners, through the undeviating methods of **Christian Science** treatment, that it is the surest signs of vicious malpractice when the healer even so much as rubs the head and lays hands on the sick.

“And they shall lay hands on the sick,” says Christ, “and they shall recover.”

“Is any sick amongst you?” asks St. James, “let him call the elders—let them pray over him—anointing him—and the prayer of faith shall heal the sick.”

The “Good Samaritan” bound up the wounds of the traveler, pouring in oil,—evidently using the best means then available, and the Good Samaritan was held up by our Lord as the ideal helper and the friend of all.

If Jesus Christ had been a Christian Scientist, and Christian Scientists blasphemously call Him the first “scientist”—the head of their breed, Jesus Christ would have represented the “Good Samaritan” as giving the wounded traveler a dose of mind cure, seeking to convince him that the thieves had not hit him on the head, and further, that as a matter of absolute fact, he had no head to be hit!

“My dolly is sick,” said a little girl to her uncle, “and I have tried to give her water and she can’t swallow that, and I tried to give her a pill and

she couldn't swallow that, and now I don't know what to do."

"Why don't you give her Christian Science?" inquired the uncle.

"Oh, I tried that too," the little girl said, "but my dolly couldn't swallow that."

ALL THAT A MAN HATH.

"And satan answered the Lord, and said, skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone and flesh, and he will curse Thee to Thy face." Job 2:4-5.

Physical healing always carries with it an element of danger!

The devil knows the weaknesses of the human race, and he knows that no offer looks quite so attractive to the average man or woman as that which promises long life, and freedom from physical pain.

Whatever the cult, and whatever its attitude toward the blood of Christ, if that cult offers healing for the body, and backs up these offers with apparent cures, multitudes of church members are going to stand in awe, and are going to pronounce the movement as having the seal of God upon it.

Down through all the centuries, literally scores of movements, professing to work repeated miracles in the matter of healing, have run their course, drawing people, often, in droves from the churches, and leaving the sad wrecks of an unfulfilled dream for the church to gather up and minister to as best the church can do.

Christian Science performs none of the miracles in the matter of physical cures that these other proven fakes have not performed, but even if

Christian Science began opening the blind eye, and unstopping the deaf ear, and cleansing the leper, it would be no sure evidence that God was working through Christian Science, for God has never worked through any religious movement, and never will, that cheapens the sacrifice of Calvary, and that makes the blood of Christ a useless thing.

“So satan went forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.” Job 2:7.

Jesus Christ evidently meant men and women to understand that certain diseases were the direct result of people being devil possessed, and he healed these men and women by casting the devil out of them.

Now, it stands to reason that if the devil can afflict the bodies of men, the devil has power to heal the bodies of men.

If the devil can possess a man and make him a raving maniac, he can certainly loose that man from the chains that bind him, and send him back to his home clothed and in his right mind.

We have never sought to explain the mystery of these so-called cures of the cult world on that ground, but Jesus Christ warns us, as did His inspired followers, that the devil will come as an angel of light, performing wonderful miracles, and seeking, if possible, to deceive the very elect.

I do not question the power of the devil to perform certain miracles of healing, and personally I believe that again and again the devil has led thousands into movements where Christ was insulted and His blood cheapened, through performing certain so-called miracles of physical healing.

“Yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life,” and this challenge flung into the face of God,

was accepted, and Job was placed in the test, and Job rang true, but you place the average church member under the same test today and you will find that they have a "yellow" streak in them—and more, they will throw overboard their Christ and their church and the faith of their fathers, and accept a religion that does more than curse God to His face.

Christian Science is guilty of blacker sins than that of cursing God to His face, Christian Science makes the blood of Christ an unholy, or an unnecessary thing.

"Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith He was sanctified, an unholy thing?" Heb. 10:29.

Mrs. Eddy said that nine-tenths of her followers came into Christian Science seeking healing, and this to her was the crowning victory of her religion.

"Touch his bone and his flesh," was the devil's challenge, "and he will curse Thee to Thy face."

The fact that the thousands of followers of Mrs. Eddy left their churches and united under her banner, seeking physical healing, is one of the surest signs of the weakness of the movement.

A certain woman who had heard me through several meetings, and who at last had gone off into Christian Science, came to have an interview with me.

She said, "Brother Brown, I went into this movement through my daughter's recovery under a Christian Science practitioner. I have studied hard, and tried to reach some definite conclusion as to just what Christian Science did teach, but try as I will, I cannot get a clear grasp as to what its teachings are

concerning the more sacred doctrines of the Bible. And yet, Christian Science has helped me physically."

Thousands are in the same condition of this woman, who, I may say, was led to renounce the cult and come back to the church, they have backed into the hodge-podge of its meaningless phrases, and bewildered and confused as to what the cult does hold as its fundamental doctrines, they stay there, look wise, and for the sake of a "gnat" of healing they swallow the "camel" of blasphemy and falsehood that the cult contains.

Dr. John Alexander Dowie performed all the wonderful cures that Christian Science performs, and multitudes followed him—some of the wisest and best of our churches, and amongst the saddest wrecks of the religious world today are men and women who blindly followed this so-called Elijah the second, pouring their all into his treasury!

Dr. Weltmer, of Nevada, Missouri, performed all the wonderful cures that Christian Science performs, and had people coming to him, and sending for his absent treatments, all but around the world.

At a trial held in Butler, Missouri, it was proven on the witness stand that while men and women were getting these instantaneous recoveries, through healing rays being flashed through space, that twenty stenographers were handling the business and the man who was supposed to send these healing rays was in the mountains of Colorado trying to regain his health!

The story is an old, old one, and has been worked down through all ages of the world's history.

Certain patent medicines that are known to contain injurious properties, are sold into the homes of the unsophisticated and the credulous and daily the

most wonderful testimonials concerning miracles of physical healings are being written and spread broadcast by people who sincerely believe that they were snatched from the jaws of death by some patent medicine fake or fraud.

When God heals it is always in the name of Christ, and through the efficacy of His cleansing blood.

When the devil heals, it is always in the name of the healer or the cult, and by some power which that someone wields.

“Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this, or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our power or holiness we had made this man walk?” Acts 3:12.

“A thorough perusal of the author’s publications heals sickness.” Mrs. Eddy.

“The author has healed hopeless diseases and raised the dying to life and health.” Mrs. Eddy.

Does Christian Science heal?

In our next talk we will answer this question.

Does It Heal?

TALK NUMBER NINE

“You can prevent or cure scrofula, hereditary diseases, etc., in just the ratio you expel from the mind a belief in the transmission of disease, and destroy its mental images.”

“Tumors, ulcers, tubercles, inflammation, pain, deformed joints, are all dream shadows, dark images of mortal thought which will flee before the light.”

“Have no fear that matter can ache, swell and be inflamed, your body would suffer no more from tension or wounds than would the trunk of a tree which you gash, were it not for mortal mind.”

“A child can have worms if you say so,—or any other malady, timorously hidden in the beliefs, relative to his body, of those about him.”

“The arguments to be used in curing insanity are the same as in other diseases: Namely, the impossibility that matter, brain, can control or derange the mind, can suffer or cause suffering.”

“When the unthinking lobster loses its claw, it grows again. If the Science of life were understood, it would be found that the senses of mind are never lost, and that matter has no sensation. Then the human limb would be replaced as readily as the lobster’s claw.”

These are a few of the scores of like assertions scattered everywhere through Science and Health

Mrs. Eddy evidently taught—repeatedly, explicitly and unequivocally, that Christian Science would thoroughly and permanently heal any and all dis-

eases, inherited or acquired, to which the flesh ever was, is, or ever will be heir.

Christian Science practitioners and Christian Science followers testify to progressive and instantaneous healings that covers the entire gamut of human lamentations from the days of Adam down to this present hour.

Here, according to their knowledge and belief, is a religion that is all-powerful and infallible—a panacea for everything from mange to mites.

When men and women become converts to Christian Science, whatever else they do or do not take with them into this cult temple, they certainly do not carry with them sense of the ridiculous.

Humor amongst Christian Science is a commodity unknown.

We told the story elsewhere in this series of a woman in a Colorado temple testifying that she was chopping kindling and that the ax glanced and cut her thumb from the hand, and leisurely she took that severed member from the ground, placed it back in its proper relation to the hand, silently treated the unfortunate member, and instantaneously the hand was made perfectly whole.

The devout little woman who told me that she sat there and heard this testimony; said so far as she could see there wasn't an incredulous smile or the batting of an incredulous eye.

And again of the reputable witness who told in my hearing that he heard a woman testify how she had been greatly worried over the fact that her husband's expansive dome was exposed to the bleak northern blast during the chill winter months, and how it became a skating rink for the venturesome flies during the hot summer months, and how she had tried all sorts of hair growers in vain.

After being converted to Christian Science, she testified, "I gave my husband's head a few treatments and he grew a magnificent head of hair!" And no one laughed.

In Long Beach, California, a woman told how she had found a nest of little kittens, and, "Horrors! THEY WERE BLIND! I treated them with the Christian Science treatment," she testified, "and in a few days they all received their sight."

These kittens finally got their eyes open, which proves very conclusively that in that respect they were one ahead of that fool Scientist who was treating them for blindness.

Another Christian Science woman—so the story goes, saw a man passing her home, walking with difficulty, and her heart ran out in sympathy to him, for she had not been long from the church, and the milk of human sympathy and kindness had not wholly evaporated under the heartless, dwarfing agencies of Science, so-called.

"I am going to treat that man and heal him, and that without his knowledge," she said, and so day after day as he passed she sat and worked on his afflicted limbs.

Day after day her heart leaped with joy as she saw that rapidly the afflicted man was improving, and when finally he walked like one most well, she thought it time to let him know the source of his blessings, and so she stopped him as he passed, and said, "My good man, several weeks ago I saw you limping by my house, and my heart ran out in sympathy to you, and I decided without your knowledge or consent that I would make you whole. Day after day, as you passed, I treated you, and now I see you are again walking almost as easily as well men walk, and I want you to know that to Christian

Science and its beloved founder, Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, you owe your wonderful recovery."

"Madam," said the man with some embarrassment, "there must be some mistake here. Several months ago in a railroad disaster, I lost my legs, and a few weeks ago I got out for the first time on the artificial legs which I am now compelled to use, and of course at first I could hardly walk at all, but I am learning rapidly, and now I am beginning to walk almost as well as before I lost my legs."

It is probable that before this woman learned that she was treating artificial legs, she entered the Science temple and told how she marvelously cured a hopeless paralytic, who pulled his helpless limbs behind him as he crawled down the street.

Go into the average Wednesday night services in the city temple and you will hear some of the richest comedy of the world.

The Christian Science testimony service is a stage on which original comedy and original tragedy pass without applause, laughter or tears.

DOES CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEAL?

"In the early history of Christian Science, among my thousands of students, few were wealthy. Now Christian Scientists are not indigent; and their comfortable fortunes are acquired by healing mankind, morally, physically and spiritually."

"Christian Science affords opportunity to acquire a profession by which you can accumulate a fortune."

These are among a few of the alluring, fascinating announcements that Mrs. Eddy threw out to draw students!

Christian Scientists at first were poor, but now have comfortable fortunes, and this through heal-

ing mankind of "moral, physical and spiritual" infirmities!

Christian Science, a "profession" in which one may soon "accumulate wealth."

No other religious founder in all the history of the race, ever before advertised a special revelation from God, through which converts could amass fortunes.

The "dollar made the mare go 'round" in the Christian Science scheme of things, and Mrs. Eddy taught her followers to collect freely of the shekels as they passed along, and she set the example by shearing to the hide, every fluffy, fleecy sheep that chanced into her money itching fingers.

While Mrs. Eddy expatiated untiringly on the nothingness of all things material, she "demonstrated" long and lovingly and successfully over that tangible, countable, material something called the dollar.

"Christian Science demonstrates," she says, "that the patient who pays **WHAT HE IS ABLE TO PAY**, is more apt to get well, than he who withholds a slight equivalent for health."

Two inducements widely advertised, concerning the Christian Science practitioner, drew students just like a molasses barrel draws flies in fly time, and these were, "fortunes to be amassed," and a "profession to be acquired in three weeks."

These "made-over-night" healers, coming from every walk of life, and especially from certain classes of the female gender, were sent out into the world explicitly commanded by their teacher, to **HEAL**.

"**Demonstrate! Demonstrate!!**" was the cry of Mrs. Eddy—"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons."

Christian Science was to live or die judged by the one record of its physical cures.

To do wonders for the body, meant wonderful fortunes in a material way, for the hundreds of healers Mrs. Eddy was grinding out, and to fail to heal, was to announce the death sentence to the selfish, sordid, planning and grasping of the whole cult business.

The necessary thing then,—and this fact was drilled home, was to Heal, or at least to profess to heal!

Channels of Publicity were immediately opened, and used to their fullest capacity, and the reports of healings, of the most miraculous type, began to mount astoundingly day by day.

Men and women, according to these reported cases of healing, were pulled from the very jaws of death, to be restored to friends, loved ones and to perfect health!

Mind you, these wonderful miracles of healing were reported by the Christian Science publicity bureau, just as the patent medicine fakir advertises his marvelous cures in whatever public medium is willing to accept his cunningly constructed falsehoods for pay.

When Christian Science reported men and women as healed from the last stages of consumption, cancer or heart failure, it was the Christian Scientists' report, unsubstantiated by any unbiased committee of investigation.

No reputable physicians or surgeons pronounced the cure genuine.

No reputable physicians or surgeons diagnosed the case and pronounced it organic trouble in its last stages.

No publicity bureau followed up these quacking

quacks to advertise alongside the reported cures, their known failures, where men and women and children died, and died often of curable infections that, with proper medical attention, would have meant the preservation of life!

Hon. F. W. Peabody, of Boston, testified that he investigated, thoroughly, many of the advertised cures of Mrs. Eddy, and that to his honest belief, as a miracle worker, Mrs. Eddy was a colossal failure.

Mr. Alfred Farlow, testifying under oath, stated that he had never known Mrs. Eddy to cure a case of organic trouble, except in one instance, and that was a case of stiff leg.

This highly paid puppet of the Science cult, testified that according to his understanding of such cases, a stiff leg would be considered an organic trouble.

The credulous, sympathetic, gullible public, before swallowing these reported cures of the Science cult, should seriously ponder these facts.

First: Here is a religion that lives or dies—leaves its builders in luxury or leaves its builders in poverty, just in proportion as it does or does not get results in physical healing.

Second: Here is a religion without a coming judgment, and with no coming hell, and a religion in which “sin and the sinner alike, are nothingness.” Therefore a religion in which lying brings no serious consequences.

Third: Here is a religion in which to be consistent, repeatedly and continuously, you are to deny the testimony of your senses, and give the lie, point blank to a thousand facts of your everyday experience. If, when you suffer you are to deny its reality, and if, when you sin, you are to deny its reality, then, when you recover from any ordinary ailment, you

can magnify this case of healing into any type of miracle you may choose.

He who has the most vivid imagination and can imagine the most wonderful cases of healing under this so-called God-revealed Science, necessarily becomes the most valuable asset the cult has, therefore the usual restraints that hold men and women of most religions to hard and stern facts, are here removed, and the only limitations are the limitations of the imagination and the credulity of the public.

Does Christian Science heal?

DOES CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEAL?

While Mrs. Eddy claimed everything for her system of healing, no one knew better than she its limitations, and it is a matter of official record, that not once, but many times, she turned to other sources when suffering pain.

Three different times Mrs. Eddy issued orders to the faithful—specific orders, either of which orders offers sufficient evidence that Christian Science was limited, and to that extent, that it became woefully inadequate when placed up against the more serious diseases of the human family.

Mrs. Eddy taught her followers that to master disease the disease must be called by name, "If you call not the disease by name when you address it mentally, the body will no more respond by recovery than a person will respond whose name is not called." Thus Mrs. Eddy paves the way for the permission granted for her practitioners to call an M. D. to "Diagnose obstinate cases."

And why call an M. D. to diagnose obstinate cases?

"For a broken bone," she says, "or dislocated

joint, 'tis better to call a surgeon, until mankind is further advanced in the treatment of mental science."

And again, on the same basis of apology, Mrs. Eddy advises her practitioners not to undertake the treatment of contagious diseases, but to turn such cases over to regular physicians.

This calling of a regular physician, advised by Mrs. Eddy, to diagnose the case, on the ground that the disease must be "called by name," is the thinnest sort of pretext, under which the practitioner can learn if there are broken bones, or if the disease be a contagious one, and in either event, "'tis best to let the regular physician and surgeon handle the case."

These three concessions, calling a physician for diagnosis and calling a physician for broken bones and for contagious diseases, invalidate all the high sounding claims that Mrs. Eddy made for her religion.

Does Christian Science heal?

In Christian Science, like every other fake religion, where the healing of the body is made the paramount issue, to get healing you must claim healing.

Mrs. Eddy says, "When the first symptoms of disease appear, knowing they gain their ground in the mind before they can in the body, dismiss the first mental admission that you are sick; dispute sense with Science."

Just as you stay well by claiming health, so you get well, by claiming you have been made well.

People have come to me with wonderful stories of how neighbors who had always been chronic complainers, going to Christian Science, were instantly made whole.

As a matter of fact, in turning to Christian Science, Christian Science demanded that they face the world, smile and keep smiling, and whatever the testimony of the senses to the contrary, they must claim healing.

To admit you are sick is to be sick, and to claim you are healed is to be healed.

I positively know of cases of healing, so-called, where men and women are making a tremendously hard fight to convince themselves and the world that they have been made whole, when I know, and they know—and they have admitted as much to me, that they had not been made whole.

This accounts for the hundreds of instances in which men and women have claimed miraculous recovery when suffering from some fatal illness, only to fall victim to that very disease, and that within a few months after they announced to the world that they had been made perfectly whole under Christian Science treatment.

Take the case of the Earl of Dunsmore, who was suffering with fatty degeneration of the heart, and who was given up to die by leading surgeons of London.

In Christian Science, the Earl of Dunsmore, was miraculously healed, and this wonderful experience of conversion to Christian Science and of healing in Christian Science was published in the Cosmopolitan Magazine, and Christian Scientists paraded this case of healing as the culmination of its long string of victories.

The Cosmopolitan Magazine had scarcely reached its readers announcing this miracle of the century, when here came an Associated Press dispatch announcing the fact that the Earl of Dunsmore had died and had died with the fatty degeneration of

the heart, as surgeons announced he would.

Was the Earl of Dunsmore healed in Christian Science?

To get healing he had to claim it, but to claim it is no sure evidence that you have it, Christian Science teaching to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Again, Mr. Jackson I. Case, of Racine, Wis., arose from a bed of death, instantaneously made whole in Christian Science, walked to his office, dictated a letter to a friend, telling of his restoration to perfect health, and then sat there reading the paper until the letter was finished, and taking the letter he began his signature, and when about half through, slid under the desk, and when they pulled him out, he was dead, and he died of the disease physicians said he would die with, and died of the disease that he claimed he had been miraculously healed from in Christian Science.

Christian Scientists will lie stretched on beds of pain, insisting that there is nothing hurting them.

Why are they in bed, then, and why is the limb drawn, or the jaw swollen, or the lips parched with fever?

They lie on beds of pain and lie while lying there.

A woman in California came to church one morning convulsed with laughter, and told us how her little Christian Science friend had called her that morning, and how she found her friend lying on the bed, exhausted after a violent fit of vomiting.

"It's a lie," she was saying, "It's a lie, I AM NOT SICK! I AM—I—I, Oooooooo, give me the slop jar quick, give me the slop jar quick." *****-----??!!

Now, then, was this little sister sick?

She said not, but was she?

Again Mrs. Eddy says, "Healers must never

consent to death."

But death, like disease, has a strange habit of continuing business at the old stand, "OPEN ALL HOURS," whether we consent to his doing business or not.

It's like the man in jail, who, when he told his attorney the facts in the case, heard his attorney, say, "Man, didn't you know they couldn't put you in jail for that?" meekly answered, "Well, I am in here!"

So with sickness, and so with death, whether we accept or deny the reality, the notices in the obituary column of the local paper run with clock-like precision.

A Christian Science practitioner was trying to explain the seeming death of a sister Scientist to Father Jacob, who, having become interested in Christian Science, could not understand how death could operated where death was not.

"But she did not die, Father Jacob," assured the healer, "she only passed!"

"Vell," said Father Jacob, "I shoost as leaf be dead as to be passed!"

Whether you die or just pass, the undertaker makes no distinctions, and the "remains" of the Scientist, with the "remains" of the materialist must be planted where the weeping willows weep and the daisies grow.

Does Christian Science heal?

DOES CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEAL?

Several facts must be clearly understood before accurate conclusions can be drawn concerning the efficacy or the permanency of Christian Science cures.

To begin with, Dr. Oliver Wendell-Holmes estimated that three-fourths of the world's ailments are imaginary.

Multitudes are sick only in the mind, and if ever cured they must be treated mentally.

Running as far back as Plato, we have him saying, "The body is not an instrument with which physicians cure the body; but they cure the body with the mind; but mind, which is sick, can cure nothing."

Laycock says, "The most eminent and successful physicians have all been psychologists; for a knowledge of practical science of mind is fundamentally necessary to the practice of medicine."

Now, there are two distinct classes of ailments, and under one of these two heads most of the suffering of the human family can be classed. First, there are functional disorders where mind science, or Christian Science, so-called, can and does work more or less of benefit. Taken for what it is, the science of mind—the power of mind over the body, Christian Science is not to be feared, but taken for what it claims to be, a special revelation from God, with an etherealized Christ, it becomes a heartless, cruel and damnable swindle.

The second class of ailments, or diseases come under the head of organic troubles.

Before such diseases as come under this head, Christian Science stands an impotent failure.

To be true, under the intoxication of this new idea, men and women who were suffering in the last stages of some organic disease may rally, and the ravages of the disease may be stayed for weeks or months, and the cure claimed may really appear to be thorough and genuine, but if the trouble was really an organic trouble, (properly diagnosed, and

pronounced incurable by reputable physicians,) time will show that the disease was not cured, but only stayed by the excitement and intoxication of this new religion!

"Mind troubles" can be cured with "Mind Treatments," and functional disorders can be materially improved through the same treatment, and organic diseases possibly can be temporarily stayed by leading men to claim and believe in a permanent cure.

"When healing mentally," says Mrs. Eddy, "call the disease by name." "You can prevent or cure," she says, "in just the ratio you expel from mind the belief in the transmission of disease."

And again she says, "When the first symptoms of disease appear, knowing they gain their ground in the mind before they do in the body, dismiss the first mental admission that you are sick."

This is mind healing, almost as old as the race, and this is the one foundation fact—the one redeeming feature, around which all the blasphemy and deception of Christian Science, so-called, is built.

But what are we going to do with the fact that Christian Scientists claim repeated cases of organic healing?

To make the cult a paying business, Christian Science healing must cover all classes and conditions of human suffering.

In a religion that teaches that man is incapable of sin and no judgment awaits mortals, lying can become a virtue, and the biggest lies ever invented, so long as they magnify and glorify the healing agencies of the cult, cannot do anything other than result in added grist for the Christian Science mill.

Some cases of wonderful healing are manufactured out of whole cloth, as I stand ready to prove

any day the evidence is wanted.

This accounts for some cures, announced from Christian Science bureaus of publicity.

The Earl of Dunsmore and Mr. Case, taken from amongst hundreds of like incidents, illustrate how other thousands of cases of miraculous healing are imaginary miracles only.

But some say, there are certain instances verified where reliable witnesses testified that they were healed, and months and years of added life have followed the announcement by physicians that death was near.

People quite often recover under the care of physicians, after those very physicians had given them up to die.

I was in a city recently, where two such cases were brought to my attention, and physicians to this day cannot explain these recoveries.

Imperfection taints everything that human knowledge or human skill touches.

The wisest of surgeons and physicians often makes mistakes in diagnosis.

In a California city three of the leading surgeons examined a patient, and each pronounced the ailment a tumor of the stomach, and so located that an operation would be immediately fatal. But the mother insisted on an operation, and finally persuaded the surgeon to act, and he did so, and found the ailment a simple ailment that was easily corrected, and the woman was rapidly recovering.

When Christian Scientists testify to being cured of deep seated and fatal organic troubles, even though physicians pronounced them that, there still remains certain chances that the diagnosis has not been the correct one!

Granted that the diagnosis is correct, and the disease is properly located, then the physician turns

to his remedies, and he knows that so much of a certain drug, combined with so much of another, will produce certain effects, provided all these drugs are pure! If any of them have been adulterated, then the whole combination may be upset, and the remedy become everything but a remedy.

A leading physician in Missouri was telling me of a man who died young and went to heaven, and St. Peter, in great astonishment said, "Man, what are you doing here? You are not expected here for thirty-five years yet! Who was your doctor?"

When the diagnosis is correct, and the medicines are pure, and the prescription is carefully compounded, and the instructions are undeviatingly followed, the best that any physician can claim for his remedies, is that they assisted nature in her work of healing. Medicines do not heal, but nature must do her own work in re-building, and medicine can only help—if rightly administered, and retard if wrongly administered.

A friend went into Christian Science through the fact that her daughter, a Christian Scientist, recovered from typhoid fever without taking medicine.

This friend almost collapsed when I informed her that the leading physicians today do not give medicine in typhoid fever cases, but urge that proper nursing is the necessary thing.

Whether in Christian Science or out—whether taking medicine or not, most people would eventually recover from most of the ordinary ailments, as well as from most of the more serious ones, and of course, if a Christian Scientist, whatever nature does, Christian Science does, and of course, apart from Christian Science, they would have died.

Does Christian Science heal?

Christian Science heals only as other like move-

ments have healed.

Christian Science does not unstop the deaf ear, or open the blind eye, or cleanse the leper or heal the lame or raise the dead, and yet, if Christian Science were true in the least of its claims, these type of cures would be common.

The Christian Science cures are to be classed with the daily cures wrought at Lourdes, or at the sanctuary of Saint Anne de Beaupre, or a thousand and one other shrines or so-called "Holy Places," over the earth.

Dr. Vance relates the story of a Chinaman whose house burned and his pig with it.

Raking over the wreckage, his fingers touched the roasted carcass of the pig, and sticking his fingers into his mouth, he got a taste of the delicious roasted meat.

He feasted for days on that pig, while his house was being rebuilt. Then there was another fire, and when the house was rebuilt, still another and then another, and each time a pig was roasted.

Other Chinamen got wise???? and other houses began to burn, and everywhere people were eating roast pig.

Now, roast pig may be alright, but there is a cheaper way to get roast pig, than by burning the house.

Christian Science heals in so far as mental therapeutics have power to heal, but there is a better way to get mind healing than by backing into Christian Science.

We don't have to burn the House of God, the Bible, and all the sacred memories that cluster there, repudiating the shed blood of Jesus, in order that we may get the little dab of mind healing which the cult gives!

What fools, or tools, we mortals be.

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